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ITALIANS ADVANCE FIVE MILES: FORCES CONVERGE ON JANINA

Stubborn Resistance By Greeks Is Admitted; Italy And An Armistice

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
United Press Staff Correspondent.

ROME, OCT. 31, (UP).—ITALIAN FORCES ARE CONVERGING IN A PINCER MOVE-
MENT TO-NIGHT UPON THE TOWN OF JANINA, THE FIRST IMPORTANT TOWN BEYOND
THE GREEK-ALBANIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES FROM ARGYROCASTRE.

FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT BRITAIN

M. Laval's Assurances
Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 31 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval to-day indicated that France would have no part in a war against Britain.

He stressed that collaboration with Germany would be colonial as well as economic, but he emphasised that collaboration excludes all ideas of aggression."

British Pilots Batter Sea Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).—To-day's Air Ministry communique says that yesterday, bombs were dropped on Cherbourg harbour, and last night on the docks at Hamburg, Flushing and the naval base at Emden.

Rail's On Ostend

The Air Ministry also announced: "A small force of coastal command Blenheim planes last night struck at targets in Ostend Harbour.

"Our bombers scored direct hits freely on the quays and shipping berths. The crews could see debris thrown high in the air."

Incendiaries Do Damage

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped last night on the German-occupied ports of Flushing, Antwerp and Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began early in the evening and lasted just over an hour. Several sticks of bombs were dropped on Walcheren Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and though cloud and haze made it difficult to see the full results of the bombing, the huge fire started between the docks was visible from 35 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area. At Emden, bursels were observed on a quay and in the harbour; one very bright fire was started while other fires were seen to spread rapidly.

"One aircraft attacked a nearby railway junction, where a large fire occurred."

Britain Raided

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Isolated enemy aircraft made a number of attacks on various parts of the country since mid-day, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

Bombs were dropped in two towns in the eastern counties and at points in South Wales and the Midlands, according to reports received.

There was a small number of raids, but the resultant damage was slight.

U.S. To Build Ships For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, said the British Government has placed orders with American builders for a "large number" of new freight ships.

Won't Disclose Details

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The fact that the British Government had ordered a large number of freighters from the United States was disclosed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day.

He said that he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying that the British had ordered a large number of one standard-type freight ship.

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Willkie's Boast Of War Aid For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 31 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, asserted this evening that he could gear up production in the United States for aeroplanes and other munitions to aid Britain, much better than

Western Hemisphere" but said that he would not stand for a policy of appeasement. He contended that the Roosevelt administration had been "helping those very nations which the third term candidate says should be untrammelled" citing the recent release of a shipment of machine tools to Russia, the "ally of Germany."

Referring Mr. Roosevelt's speech at Boston last night, Mr. Willkie said: "If I am elected President, our production of planes will be so geared up that a request for 12,000 planes by Britain would not even be news because it would be so insignificant."

Willkie's Accusation

BALTIMORE, Maryland, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—An allegation that President Roosevelt has been trying to "appease" the Totalitarian Powers was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie in his campaign speech here to-day.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for the "maintenance of peace in the

surest way to war."

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was

OFFERS TO AID GREEKS Soviet Planes Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Offers of aid from wealthy Greeks are pouring into Government offices.

One woman ship-owner has written to General Metaxas placing three vessels at the disposal of the nation.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force.

Many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose.

Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops are reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies.

Elsewhere a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies.

100 Warplanes Story

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to the Moscow radio.

Another Mouth For Goebbels To Feed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Frau Goebbels presented her husband with their seventh child—a daughter to-day, says a Berlin report.

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*POLISH-CZECH CO-OPERATION
Fear Of Massacre
For Sabotage*

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Close co-operation and collaboration between the Polish and Czechoslovak people "who were in the same arena fighting for God against the devil" was urged by M. Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Minister in London in a speech to the New Europe Circle in London to-day.

M. Masaryk said: "We are not doing any sabotage for the simple reason that we would be massacred, but the wheels in Skoda do not roll quite as quickly as they did two years ago, and things do not come out as beautifully finished as they did."

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R.A.F. DID THIS IN GERMANY



Proving that the Air Ministry's claims regarding R.A.F. attacks on German cities are not wild imaginings, this picture taken by an American agency, shows Nazi firemen trying to fight the flames in a huge timber yard set ablaze by British incendiary bombs in a recent raid on a north German town.

U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

Producers' Great Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost \$2,000,000,000, is stated by independent sources to cover the 12,000 planes asked for by Britain.

It is believed that the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble the parts manufactured in motor car factories. Whether these will be operated by the Government or by the aircraft or motor car industry is not yet decided.

1,300 Planes A Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States is at present sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it is estimated, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston last night to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by the British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Two Bottlenecks

Investigations have shown that it is hardly feasible and that it would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories. Estimates were given for the production of about 1,200 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes.

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Black Sea Interests At Stake

No Soviet Promise To Turks

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles are ridiculed here.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.

LATEST

Aberdeen Outrage

A little Chinese girl was done to death yesterday morning in her father's hut at Aberdeen while he was away marketing vegetables. Police found the girl, Tsui Lan, aged 9, bound hand and foot with a bloodstained towel round her neck. The towel had apparently been used as a gag.

Some articles of clothing and a chicken were missing suggesting that robbery was the motive.

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MIDDLE EAST FRONT RELIEVED BY PATROL CONTACTS

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—British fighting patrols were again active in the Kassala region of the Sudan on October 27 and 28, according to a British communiqué.

This communiqué adds: "On the latter day, a party of the enemy was ambushed leaving 15 dead and six prisoners in our hands. The mechanical transport vehicles were also wrecked. Our casualties were nil."

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Airport Busy

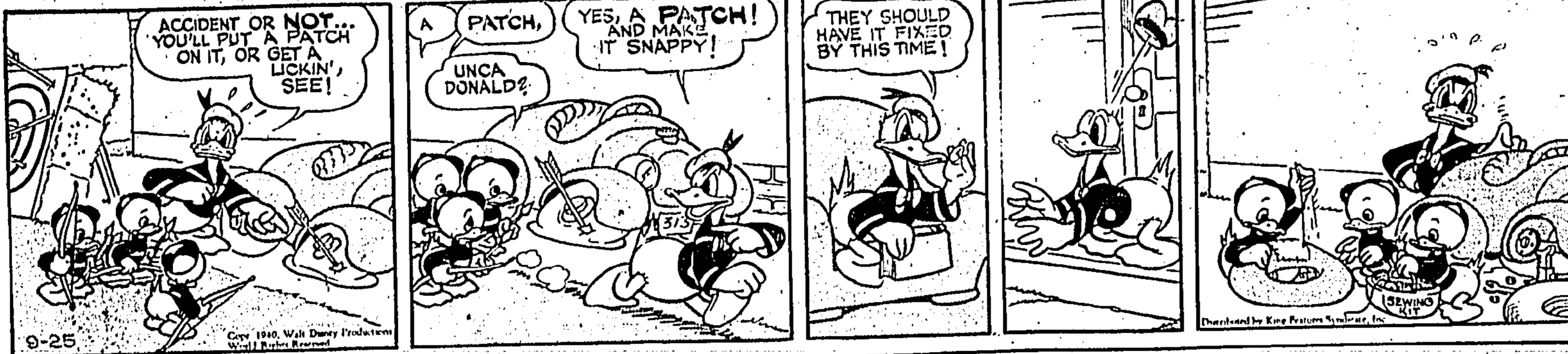
LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A communiqué records attacks by the

R.A.F. and the South African Air Force in the Middle East on six Italian planes and camps in Libya and East Africa."

A stored dump was destroyed, a military building was damaged or set on fire, and warehouses were heavily bombed at Bardia and Tobruk in Libya, at Telegzan, Kerem and Lughforan in Italian Somaliland and at Malsawa.

Our aircraft returned safely from all these operations," concludes the communiqué.

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AIRMEN ACT AS TARGETS

By JOHN CASHEL

SIXPENCE a day to be bombed! Don't laugh. That really happens.

I have just been talking to Three Men in a Yellow Boat who offer themselves as human targets, though, their lives being precious, a substantial slab of protective armour is placed between them and the rain of high explosive.

They are one of many trios of brave men of Britain's Royal Air Force who speed over the coastal ranges round our shores in armoured target motor-boats so that our bombers can learn and perfect their aim by practising the real thing.

The aimers drop live explosives weighing about eleven pounds each, large enough when they find their elusive mark to dent the three and a half tons of armour protecting the little target boat and to give the three men inside it an unpleasant shake-up.

They wear crash-helmets and ear-protectors, and the armour covers the wheelhouse, engine-room and hull of their craft. The rest is packed with a buoyant material to prevent it from being sunk by a good hit.

THE boat is painted yellow — the R.A.F.'s colour to distinguish training aircraft and this colouring also helps to show up the tiny target boats to the bombers as they will have nothing so small to attack in the shape of enemy objectives.

The target boats flash along at 20 knots, turning, zig-zagging, dodging the practice bombers. A hit sometimes capsizes them. The three men, good swimmers and specially trained for the job, dive clear, right their boat if it does not automatically right itself, clamber in again, ready for the next fall of bombs.

Nothing extraordinary for them. Just routine heroes!

THEIR captain is a corporal earning 7s. 9d. a day. The other two are leading aircraftmen, pay 6s. 3d., or possibly one is an aircraftman, pay 4s. 6d.

Each receives an extra sixpence a day when at sea. Another sixpence beyond that when they are bombed, proud to be chosen for the privilege of earning that last sixpence. They are one section of the little-known sea-arm of the flying men, the R.A.F.'s Own Navy, operated by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

Day and night, at the Command's sea stations around Britain's 4,000 miles of coastline, the Airmen's Fleet never stops working.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Call up the broadcasting company and tell that woman her slip's showing!"

MANILA'S HUMAN MOSQUITO TRAP

To help solve the unemployment problem and also study the habits of mosquitoes, Manila City Sanitary Engineer E. L. Ejercito has invented a "human mosquito-trap," reports United Press.

Girls Kept At It Near Time Bomb

Stories of "Keep at it" heroines he had met in bombed areas of the Midlands were told by Mr. Herbert Morrison.

The Minister of Supply returned to London from a tour of his Department's factories.

An unexploded bomb (related the Minister) was 50 yards from the office of an arms factory. Four girls—Mavis Batechelor, Joan Blackwell, Joan Burns and Gertrude Sanders—and an important job to do in that office.

Went On Working

Despite the danger they went on working, cheerfully and without fuss, for three days until the bomb, the area round which had been sandbagged, was made harmless.

Mr. Morrison talked to these four girls and congratulated them on their fine devotion to duty.

"You were grand," he said.

He also told how a number of heavy "delayed action" bombs were dropped near another factory, missed their objective, and fell in a store.

Because it was not certain whether all the bombs had exploded, the whole of the adjoining general office-building was evacuated and the exception of the telephones exchange.

Aware of Risk

If the telephone service had been shut down production would have been seriously interfered with. So a call was made for girls to volunteer to operate a skeleton service.

Six out of the eight girls then on duty—Misses E. M. Leggo, D. Ager, W. Bibby, D. Russell, J. M. Arrowsmith and B. J. Wyatt—asked to be allowed to stay at their switchboards, though fully aware of the risk.

Finally selection had to be made by seniority, and four senior girls stayed at their posts in a room almost vertically above the position of the bomb until the danger was over five hours later.

Mr. Morrison commented:

"When Hitler planned war against Britain, he couldn't have known our people were made of such stuff as this."

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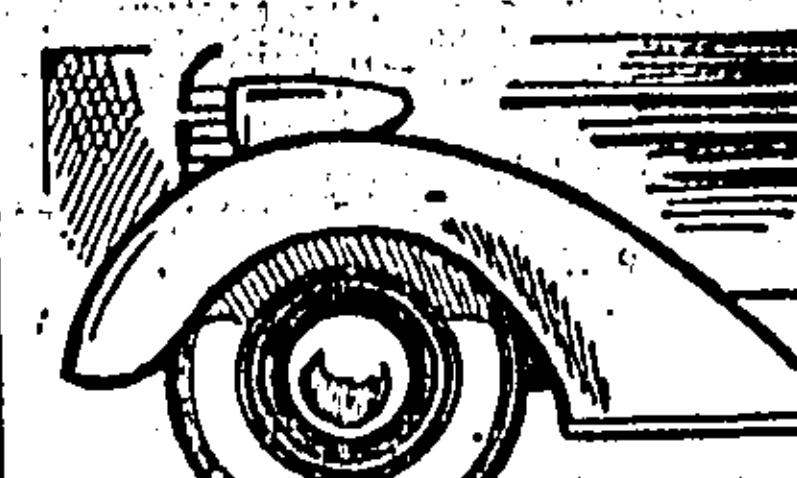
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BRUTAL ACT

THE heartless cynic will remark that the shooting down of a defenceless C.N.A.C. passenger plane by Japanese war machines, resulting in the death of nine people, including the American pilot, Mr. W. C. Kent, is just part of the fortunes of war—a cynicism which is given additional sting by the fact that it constitutes but one of many barbarous acts connected with a war which, according to international law, does not exist!

Technically speaking there is little or no difference between deliberately shooting down an unarmed plane loaded with civilians and just as deliberately bombing civilian populations; the point is, both are horrible acts, without justification.

An expression of regret from Tokyo would not have been out of place. The more charitably minded would like to think that the act was that of an irresponsible squadron leader with his senses temporarily blinded by the lust of war; but Tokyo has displayed complete indifference, while the Japanese news agencies did not even report the occurrence; this suggests official connivance in brutality, and the attitude calls for condemnation.

The affair is not only a tragedy; it is another tragic blunder on the part of the Japanese militarists, for its only effect is further to alienate world opinion and to make China more and more determined to fight to the end.

WOMEN'S DEFIA

IT IS COMMONLY SAID THAT TO BE SURE OF SUCCESS A GREAT CAUSE MUST HAVE THE DEVOTED SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN OF A NATION. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT OF WHERE AND HOW THE WOMEN OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH STAND IN THIS STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE LIBERTY, DIGNITY, AND HONOUR. THEY KNOW THAT THIS IS PECULIARLY A WOMAN'S CAUSE, AND THAT IF IT IS LOST EVERYTHING FOR WHICH THEY HAVE FOUGHT FOR GENERATIONS WILL VANISH. THAT IS WHY EVERY PLAN TO HELP THE WAR IN WHICH WOMEN HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY ENLISTED HAS BEEN CARRIED THROUGH WITH SUCH ENERGY.

According to some observers, many women have come to that stage in which their predominant desire and resolution is to live till vengeance is wreaked upon the arch-criminal. They no longer fear him. They defy him, and scorn his threat to destroy them, and terrify them.

They themselves haven't been getting near the enemy, because the enemy won't come out.

These manifestations of the war spirit pass through various stages.

WILL EUROPE STARVE?

On Hitler Rests
The Legal and Moral
Responsibility

The position in fertilizers is sound. Since 1914, the manufacture of synthetic nitrates has made the Continent practically self-sufficient in nitrogen fertilizers, which are the most important. There is a surplus of potash fertilizers, and a 30 per cent. deficiency in phosphates can probably be made good, in part at least, by the normal imports from the U.S.S.R. and French North Africa.

Grain Stocks

What has been said so far relates to more or less normal conditions, to the sort of conditions which might be expected in 1941 or 1942. The position this winter is complicated by the fact that the 1940 crop is well below normal in most parts of the Continent; due to the severe winter and late spring, labour shortages, and some destruction by lightning. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1940 wheat crop at 34,000,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent. of normal consumption, and while no estimates of other crops are available, it is probable that they are in something like the same proportion.

Matters would therefore be serious, although not quite desperate, if there were not abnormally large stocks available to offset the deficiency. Figures on stocks are incomplete and unreliable, but they can be verified and supplemented by comparing available supplies in recent years with normal consumption. It is possible to conclude with some confidence that at the beginning of the war total stocks of grains in Europe were well in excess of a normal year's imports and that they have not yet been substantially reduced.

Grain consumption could certainly be maintained at 90 per cent. of normal during 1940-41, while leaving a carry-over to meet a future emergency. Stocks, like crops, are not evenly distributed. Most were accumulated or have now been seized by Germany. Almost all are now under her control. If she does not use them where they are required the result will be local famines.

That is the crux of the matter. The fact that there is enough food produced or stored on the Continent to meet subsistence needs, this winter and in the future, does not mean that nobody will starve. It merely means that nobody need starve, that deficiencies in some regions can be offset by surpluses or stocks elsewhere. There will be shortages in the Low Countries, Poland, Norway, and parts of France. Whether or not they are made good depends upon the decision of the Reich.

The legal and moral responsibility rests with Hitler, as Professor Goodhart demonstrated recently, but he may refuse to assume it, as an aid to his anti-British propaganda. In the hope of embittering Anglo-American relations, or simply because he does not want to use up German reserves for this purpose. If he does adopt this policy, and local famine results, it is important that the world should know that German boasts of ample food supplies, while not literally true, are true enough to enable Germany to sustain the peoples she has conquered.

Winter
Conditions

The deficiency is much less important than it seems at first sight for two reasons. The first is that the Continent has always relied chiefly on fats of animal origin. If we add estimates of the production and true figures for vegetable and marine oils, the percentage produced at home rises from about 30 per cent. to over 60 per cent. The second reason is that, above a certain minimum, fats are not an essential item of diet. That minimum is fully supplied from animal sources—from meat, milk, and cheese, as well as from the more less pure animal fats included in the above computation.

Probably not more than 6 or 7 per cent. of the total calories contained on the Continent are provided from vegetable or whale oils; which means that the loss of two-thirds of their supply, while it will cause some privation, cannot in itself cause famine.

The maintenance in future years of supplies of meat, animal products, and to a less extent grains, depends upon adequate supplies of fodder and fertilizers. Before the war the deficiency in fodder supplies was met by the import of maize, barley, oats, and seeds for the manufacture of oil cake. The total deficiency in feed grains and cake, however, was only of the order of 10 or 15 per cent.; and the position is really better than this, since large quantities of home-produced grasses, legumes, and potatoes are used as feed. There has been some slaughtering of animals already, and there will have to be more, but most Continental animals can normally be fed from domestic

surplus.

"Autarchy" has scored another success in the production of sugar, where the deficiency in the year before the war was only of the order of 8 per cent. The European consumer will have to forgo coffee when existing stocks are exhausted, as well as tea, which he has never learned to drink, and the third of his tobacco which came from Turkey and oversea, but these deprivations, while unpleasant, will not be injurious to health. The most surprising Continental shortage is in wine, which France imported in vast quantities from Algeria, but in this food the remainder of the Continent is just self-sufficient.

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A. J. McWHINNIE

Introduces you in this article to the

SEVEN SEAS PATROL

I HAVE just come ashore at a northern port from a fine 11,000-ton liner which is now an armed merchant cruiser.

Once, she carried millionaires to the East. Now the Navy takes her through the silence of the Northern Patrol.

Where they played deck games a year ago, the Navy's big guns are manned to-day.

Where the strains of foxtrots and rumba used to float through the ship, you can now hear only an odd mouth-organ shanty from a sailor off watch.

I went on board that armed merchant cruiser expecting thrilling tales of roaring guns—dreadful flights at sea. But all the blockade boys wanted to talk about was how YOU at home were standing up to your encounter with the enemy.

They wanted to hear about the women and kids whose spirit Hitler's bombers cannot kill.

They wanted news of the industrial areas where men and girls on vital war work volunteer to stay at their benches and machines while the bombs are falling.

They wanted to hear about the men who know no fear—themselves.

Men who know no fear—themselves. They are thrilled by you at home. In the captain's cabin, with the commander on the bridge, in the wardroom and down on the mess-decks, it was always the same. The heroes of the sea these days are thrilled by the bravery of the lindubbers.

They themselves haven't been getting near the enemy, because the enemy won't come out.

Then there were officers and men who sailed the seas under the Red Ensign in other ships but came to the Navy in Royal Navy reserves.

They were business and professional men who were called up as members

Away on the loneliest ocean patrols in the world—the Arctic and the North and South Atlantic—they sly for a sudden decision by Hitler to try to sneak his bottled-up ships out of safe harbours. They yearn for action.

Month after month they have been hoping the enemy would show up. Month after month they have been disappointed. But they sail on, peering through the icy darkness of Northern nights... watching and hoping.

Although their work is "dull" to them, you'd search the seas without finding happier crews.

There is the same matey atmosphere in an armed merchant cruiser that you find in the destroyers. Yet the crews are hotch-potches, drawn from every conceivable branch of the sea service.

Some of them sailed in this ship when she was a luxury liner. The Admiralty took her over and invited the men. So the men came too.

The captain, a rugged, sun-tanned horse-loving squire, had a brief retirement after a fine record of naval service. When the call came, he put on his uniform again.

Naval Reserves

So did the commander. He left his office, got amid the roar and bustle of the City, for the bleak silent blackness of the Northern patrol.

So did the old Yeoman of Signals, with more than 30 years' service in the Royal Navy, to his credit. But as he told me, "me and the captain were proud to come back."

Then there were officers and men who sailed the seas under the Red Ensign in other ships but came to the Navy in Royal Navy reserves.

They were business and professional men who were called up as members

There was an income tax collector among them. There were boys straight from the Universities. There were others whose shore jobs weren't much good, anyway. A mixed complement.

But they've pulled together with the same ideals. They share the same disappointment, because the guns are silent.

They know that successful blockade was always the same.

Jellicoe's Pride

Collingwood had to face up to the tedium aboard ship when there was no possibility of battle. Didn't he say nearly 150 years ago that his wits were forever at work "to keep my people employed both for health's sake and to save them from mischievous?"

And didn't Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet from 1914 to 1916, show that he appreciated the kind of boredom you get in a warship which can't find a fight?

"I feel," he said, "prouder with every day that passes that I command such men, and during the period of waiting and watching they are cheerful and contented, in spite of the grey dullness of their lives."

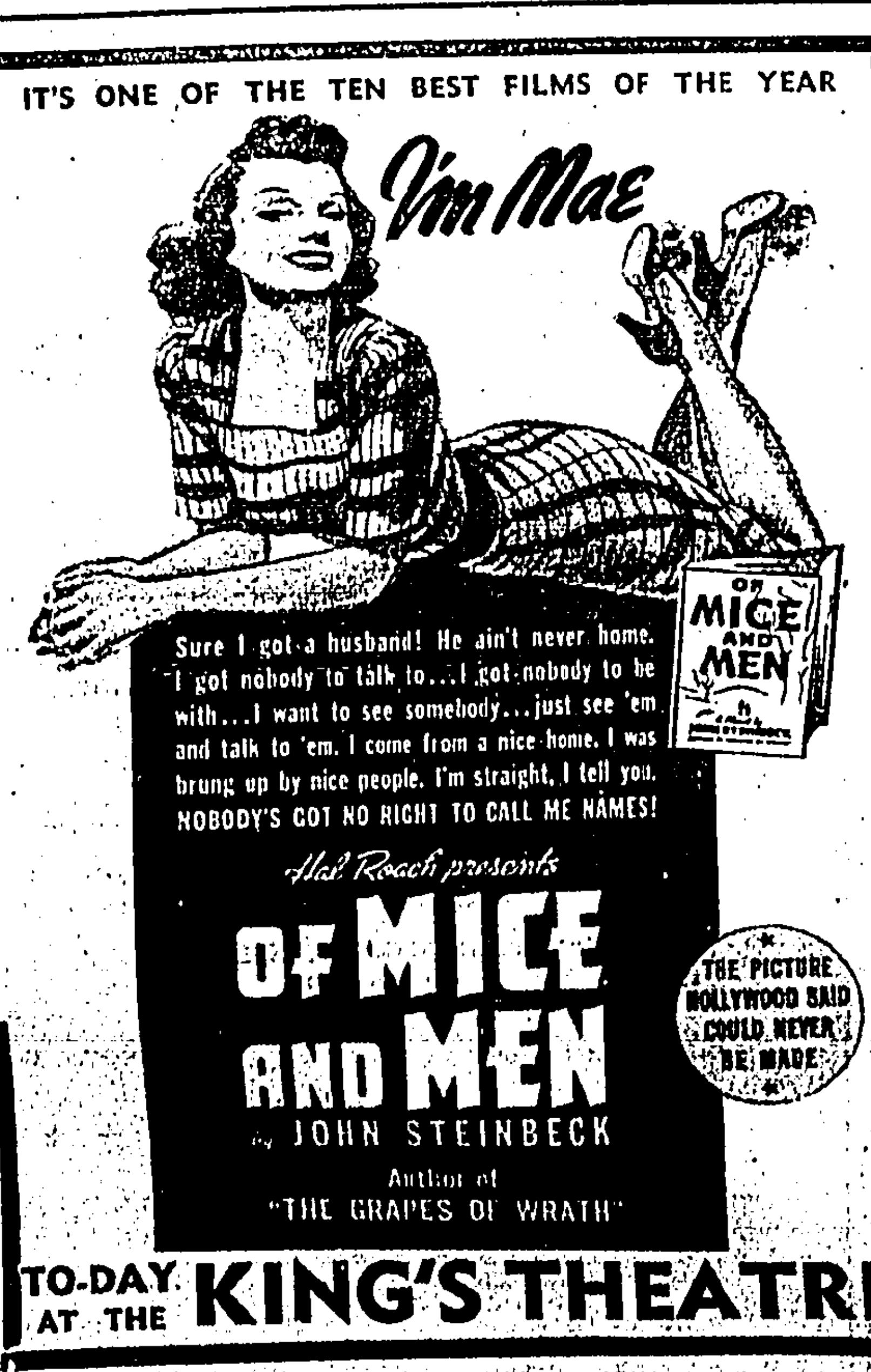
The destroyer boys in the Channel are getting their thrills. Very soon they expect more to come.

Whenever the Italian fleet pokes its nose out of safety, the Navy in the Mediterranean has a bit of excitement, too.

And you at home are getting enough war in a night to last you a lifetime.

But our successful blockade squadrons just sail on, though they're polling for a fight.

The longer they don't run into action, the more successful their work is.



CANADA'S WAR HUSTLE New Contracts

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since war began.

These deals were given by Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for the Canadian account total £80,750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for the British account.

Complete Aircraft

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

British Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, the engines being installed in British plants.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans and British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise construction of the plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent. during the last three months.

WILHELMSTRASSE CHANGES VIEWS

An Italo-Greek War

BASLE, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

It is suggested that the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is emphasized, seeing that the action against Greece is part of the common warlike against Britain.

Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of extension of the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.

Viceroy Of India To Stay

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India is extended for a further period of a year from April, 1941.



ROYALTY AT CAPE COD—Crown Princess Martha of Norway and her three children, who have taken refuge in U.S., are shown at beach at Winona, Cape Cod, Mass., where they are guests of Frederic Schoeffler. Children, from left: Regnild, Herald and Astrid.

U.S. Interest In Vichy Policy Answered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, to-day gave the State Department renewed assurance that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that negotiations between France, Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

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“Captain Foster’s” Racing Review

LAST CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

Fremantle St. Leger Attracts Only Nine Nominations

SAPPER'S PROSPECTS BRIGHT

THE LAST CLASSIC event for Australian subscription ponies of this season will be contested at Happy Valley to-morrow, but the Fremantle St. Leger has not been able to attract more than nine nominations. There are, in addition, seven handicap contests; the best of which is, of course, the Essex Handicap for “A” class China ponies over the mile.

Punters will no doubt be pleased to know that the Queensland Handicap is an endurance test for “C” class Australian racers over two miles. The latter should be a quite interesting race owing to the fact that the jaunt has been lengthened from a sprint to a distance run.

We are all aware that the St. Leger is the oldest of the English classics, having been inaugurated in Doncaster over one and a half centuries ago, and the great endurance contest for three-year-old was suggested by and named after Lt.-General Anthony St. Leger.

It will be observed that the originator of this classic was a “big soldier man” and it looks that Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, has every prospect of becoming the first

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Dastardly Attempt To Cripple Race-Horse

MELBOURNE, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—An unsuccessful attempt was made to-day to cripple Beau Vite, the favourite for the Melbourne Cup, Australia's premier turf event. The attackers bored small holes into the horse box and mistook Beau Vite's stablemate for the favourite. The horse was shot in the hind thigh and hock with an air gun.

Sussex Handicap

Second Section

Good Sprint Over Six Furlongs

HILLSBORO BAY holds the post of honour in the last event, the Sussex Handicap (second section) for “B” class China ponies, and we should see a good sprint over six furlongs.

The last named scored a notable success in the Kwangtung Handicap and I expect her to earn another bracket.

All the three ponies mentioned have equal chances, but the most dangerous is Lancashire Lass with Mr. Black in the saddle.

Strong opposition is sure to come from the low weighters of which Peaceful View may upset the applecart.

K.C.C. Intra-Club Bowls

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual inter-club bowls match Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

Fremantle St. Leger

ANOTHER DUEL BETWEEN SAPPER AND FAR VIEW

SINCE THE INCEPTION of the Fremantle St. Leger in 1931, there have been only two uncertainties. Rosy Morn, the winner of 1933, paid \$114.50, while last year Baffin Bay by Copper Rivet delighted a few punters in the know with a handsome dividend of \$410.30 for a win.

A repetition of the latter will not be possible, for to-morrow there are only two ponies in the big classic and it is going to be a family affair between Far View and Sapper—both descendants of Farr.

A fresh write up of the successes

of these two offsprings at the Annual Carnival and the subsequent extra meetings will take up too much space, and, furthermore, they are too well known among the men of the turf.

LAST MEETING

HOWEVER, the last outing of Far View and Sapper was in the Diamond Bay Handicap at the Double Tenth Meeting when the former snatched a victory by three parts of a length and it was, without prejudice, a lucky win.

My field-glass could not see the back stretch, but it appeared to me that when the pack raced up the hill, Sapper did not have a clear passage.

Rounding the bend for the home run, Mrs. Grasett's candidate flew past everyone, but it was too late to beat Far View on the post.

They will meet to-morrow on equal terms and the order of the finish should be Sapper, Far View and Australian Diamond.

For the last eight years the base weight has always been 146 lb, with 5 lb. penalty for a win and 10 lb. for two or more races, but to-morrow the weight is 140 lb. with the same conditions for winners.

The reduction of weight will undoubtedly enable the ponies to run faster, and I have reason to predict that the distance of 1½ miles will be covered inside three minutes ten seconds providing the going is good.

Sussex Handicap

First Section

GOOD FINISH EXPECTED

THE SUSSEX HANDICAP (first section) for “B” class China ponies should provide a good finish because there are a good few speedy merchants, and the adjustment of the weights does not leave any loops.

The sprint is over six furlongs and anything may happen. The most dangerous three are Blue Diamond, Conqueror Time and Hopeful Star. Ronson is a good outsider.

THE DAILY DOUBLE

Norfolk Handicap

Second Section

Eve of Hunting Should Win Easily

BURFORD, the champion China pony at the Spring, has returned to the course for his daily exercise, but the stallion is not among the list of entries for the Essex Handicap confined to “A” class over the mile and the event is the first leg of the Daily Double.

He can be seen daily at his work with four bandages, and up to the time of writing the stallion has not been extended. It seems that the connections are trying their level best to have him fit for the Hongkong St. Leger, which is scheduled to be contested on November 16, and should he fail to weigh out, Burford will be ineligible for the Hongkong Autumn Champions.

VERY OPEN

HOWEVER, Eve of Harvest has also not been nominated for this mile run as the connections are revering the mare for the Hongkong Autumn Champions, and the absence of these two China steeds makes the Essex Handicap very open.

I think Distinctive Time, the winner of the Double Tenth Plate, is nicely weighted and so is Dupont Bay, who annexed the Hongkong Griffins Cup. Confusion Bay is set to receive 3 lb. from Clerber, the winner of St. George's Plate, but we cannot put much confidence in Mr. Bradbury's candidate due to the fact that the chestnut was on the walking list for a long time. Though he is looking extremely well, I think Clerber is short of a gallop.

Cragsavd was under a cloud after running third in the October Handicap and that was the reason for his non-appearance in the Double Tenth Plate. Mrs. Taggart's racer is now perfectly sound and I like him.

AUSTRALIANS' ENDURANCE TEST OVER TWO MILES

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP for Australian ponies has undergone many changes since the introduction of this contest in 1931. For the first two years it was for ponies that had not won more than \$1,000 over six furlongs, but in 1934, ponies winning more than \$5,000 were barred. From 1935 to 1938 it was reserved for “A” class green over a short distance, but last year we saw the “C” class racers in the arena running from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 160 yards).

To-morrow the trip is an endurance test over two miles and Piccadilly Jim is at the top of the assessment with 157 lb. with new racing colours to wear. Whether he will carry the silk to victory is another matter, but he certainly has a call in the weights with Cheerful Star.

When they met in the Ballarat Handicap at the last meeting, Cheerful Star (the winner) was in receipt of eight pounds from Piccadilly Jim, whereas, to-morrow, the latter has to concede only two pounds for a beating of two lengths.

Cheerful Star by George Graves has not had more than four public appearances, but her success over the champion course seemed to be that of a stayer and the mare is my fancy.

Centre Court by Double Court outshone every critic when she romped home first in the Bondi Handicap over the Derby course at the Whitsun Meet, and the mare has the same weight to shoulder to-morrow. Centre Court is getting no younger and she will have to be at her best to turn the tables on Cheerful Star and Piccadilly Jim.

plays the goat at the gate, and one's money is safer in the pocket.

Sirnacrick and Surprise Again are now members of the “D” company, and I prefer the latter.

Quick Despatch will be ridden by Mr. Proulx who is too well known as the star short distance jockey, and it is certainly a good bet to follow.

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CRAIGENGOWER C. C. ANNUAL MEETING

L. E. Lammert And R. Pestonji Elected Life Members

LIFE MEMBERSHIP was awarded two of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club at the Annual General Meeting yesterday, when the honour conferred on Mr. L. E. Lammert and Mr. R. Pestonji received the unanimous support of the meeting.

Mr. C. S. Rosselet took the Chair in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury and was supported by Messrs. A. B. Harrison, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, H. W. Randall, L. C. R. Souza, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanji, Dr. C. W. Lam, A. E. Coates (Hon. Treasurer) and E. Zimmern (Hon. Secretary).

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the general financial position of the Club would be regarded very sound. The profit was well maintained and expenditure cut down in all directions. In the sports section, it has been a highly important season.

JOINED IN 1894

THE MEETING unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammert and R. Pestonji be elected life members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammert recited that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was voted up at the extraordinary meeting which followed the annual meeting. This motion was defeated in April. After an appeal by the Chairman, the meeting approved the increase.

OFFICE BEARERS

The following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosselet; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmern; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates.

Cricket Comments To Be Resumed

Regular cricket articles by “R. Abbit” will be resumed as from Tuesday next.

A request is made to Secretaries of Cricket Clubs that they be good enough to supply copies of their fixture cards to c/o the “Hongkong Telegraph”.

Club Rugger XV

The following will represent Club “A” at Rugby against Army “A” on the Police ground to-morrow afternoon at 3.15 p.m.:

H. F. Hopkin; H. Van Leeuwen, D. Jones; P. Wilson and E. Jones; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Cleary; C. M. Stark; E. W. Stout; S. Lee; L. A. Benn, J. Moodie; A. L. Thomas; G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Daniel.

W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanji, L. E. Lammert, W. O. Nodles, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Alenza, Convenor—Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard, Mr. W. O. Nodles; House Committee, Mr. W. P. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Coates.

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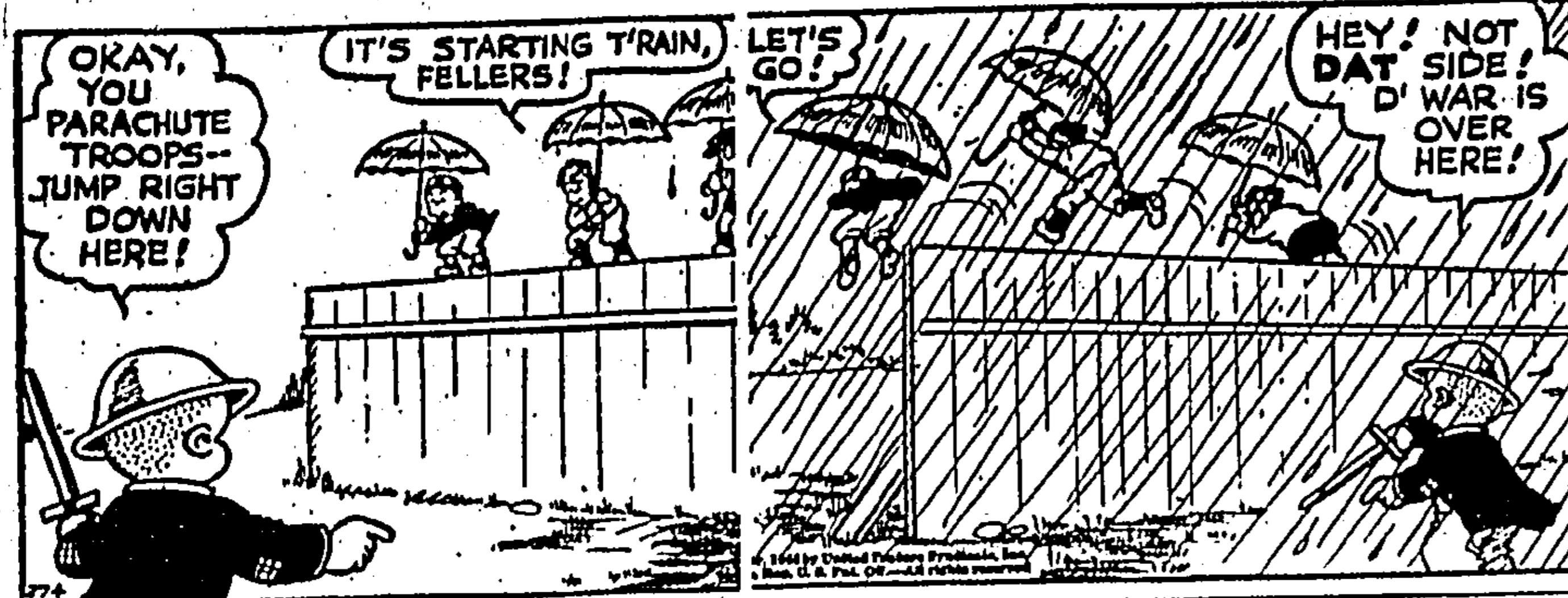
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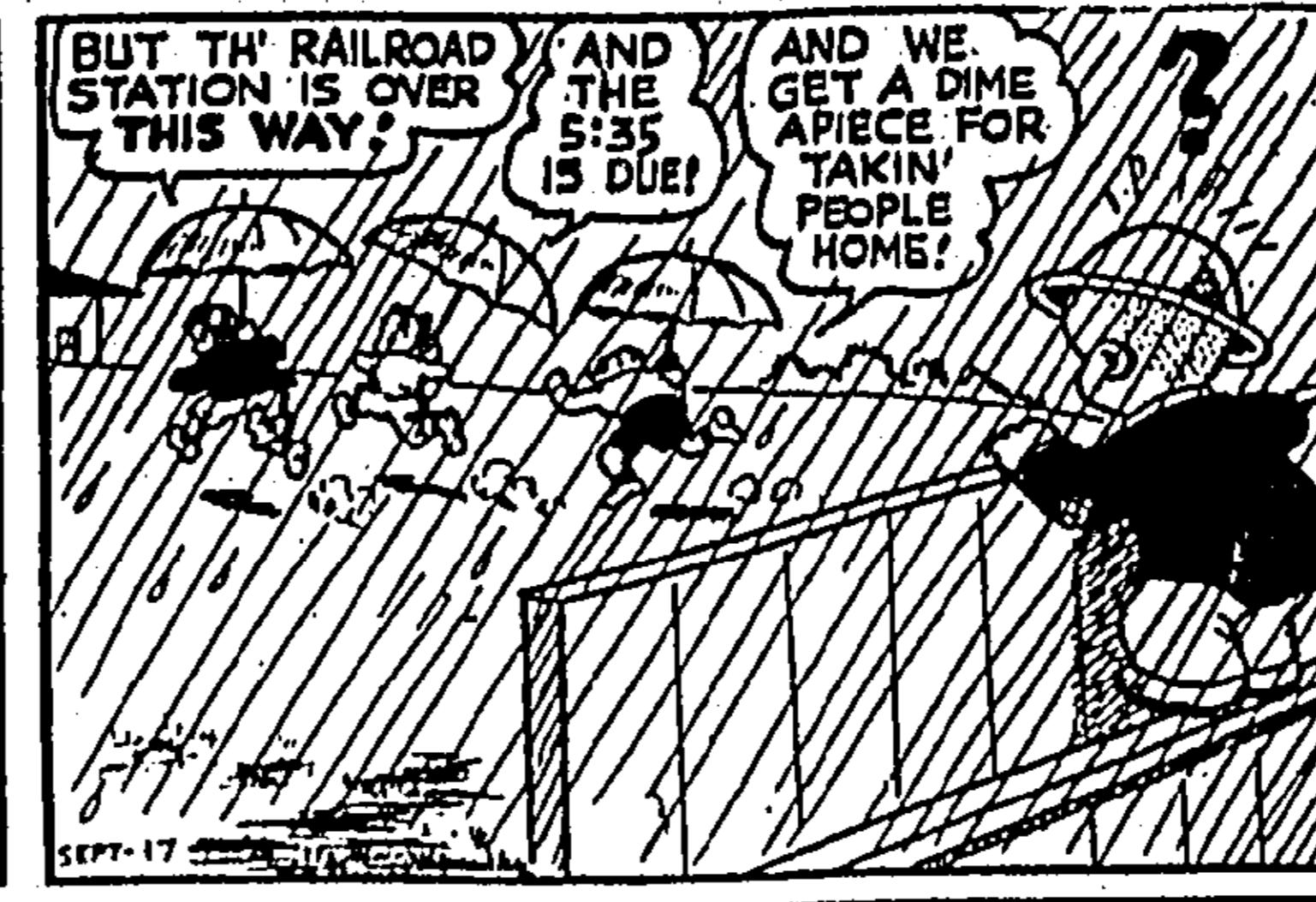
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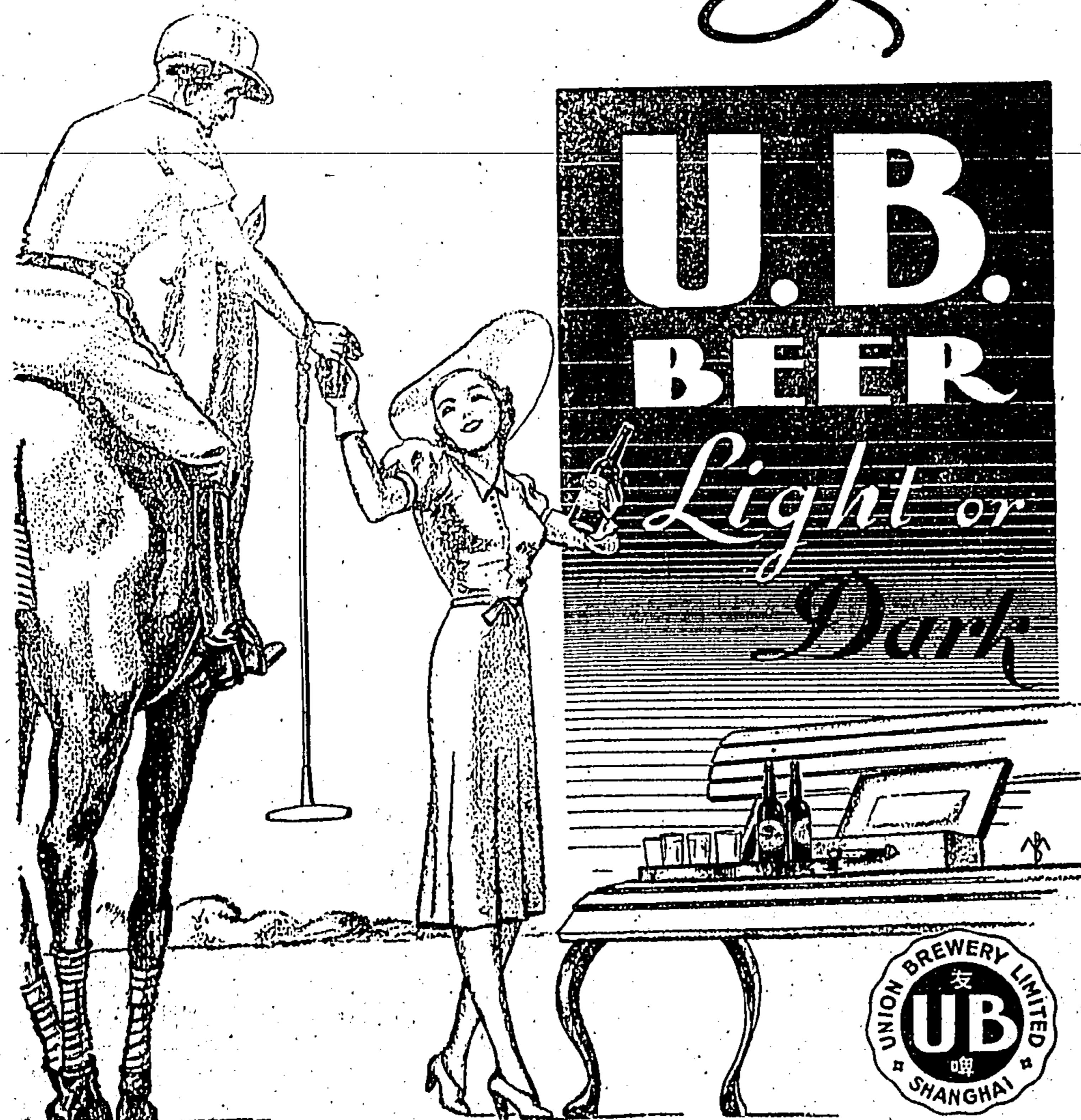
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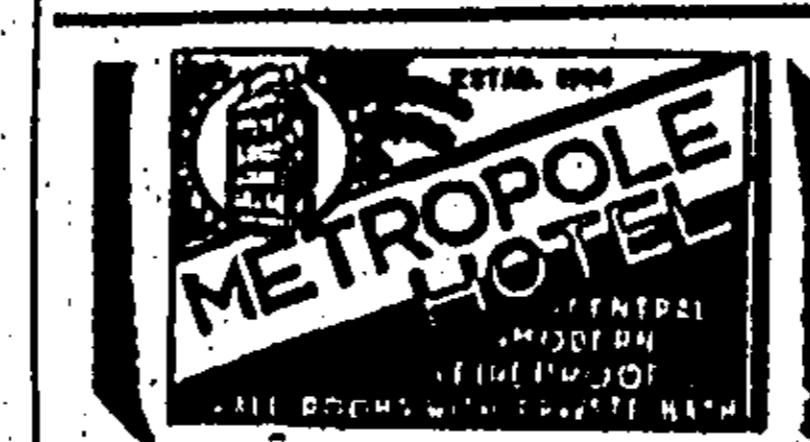
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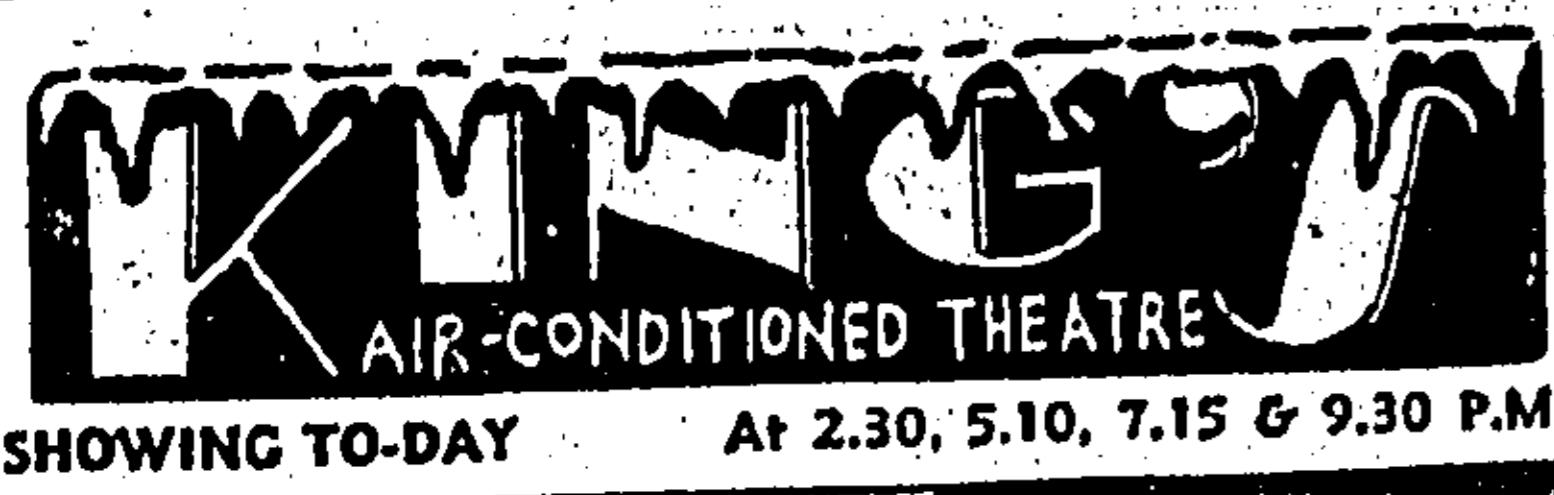
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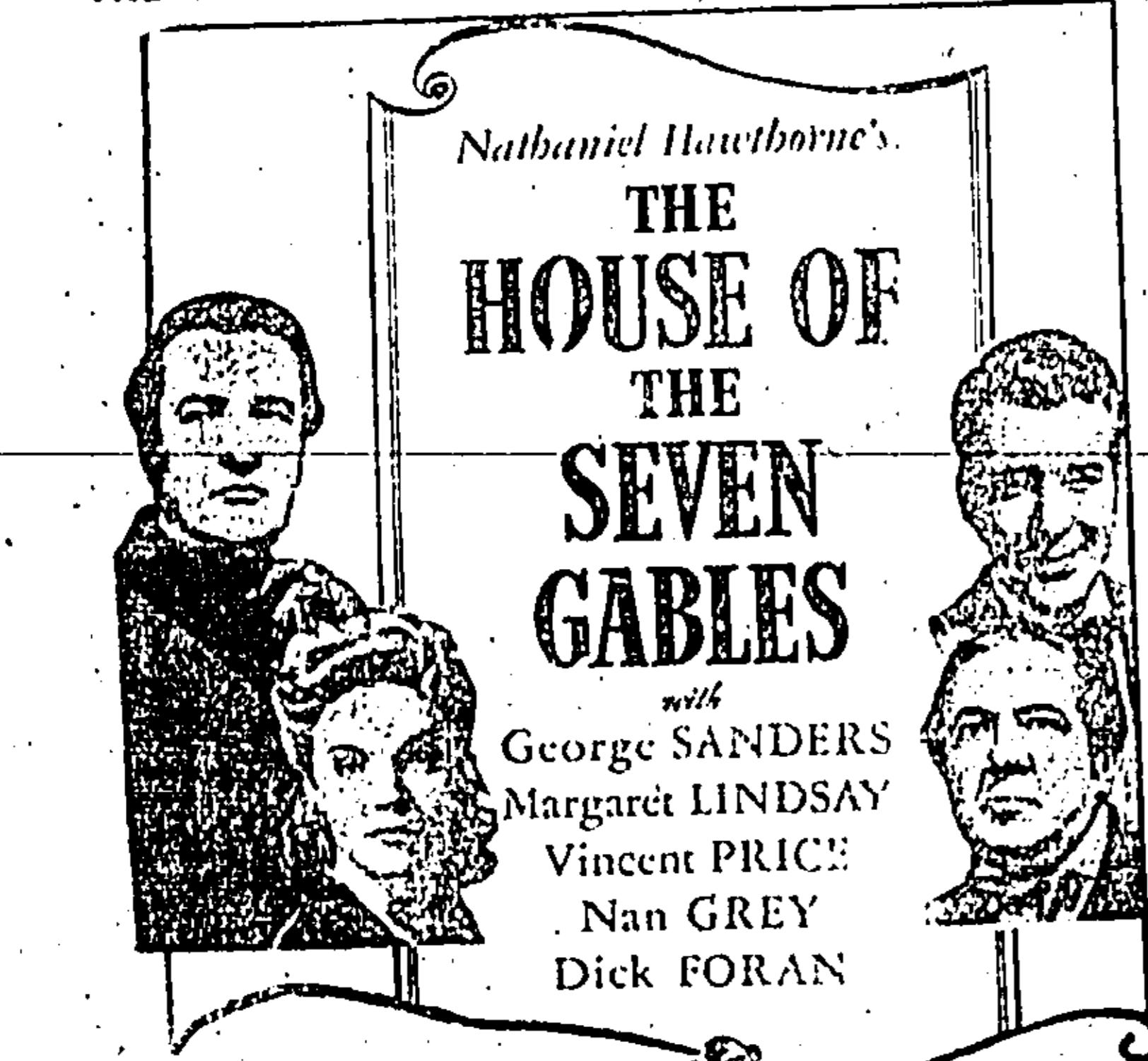
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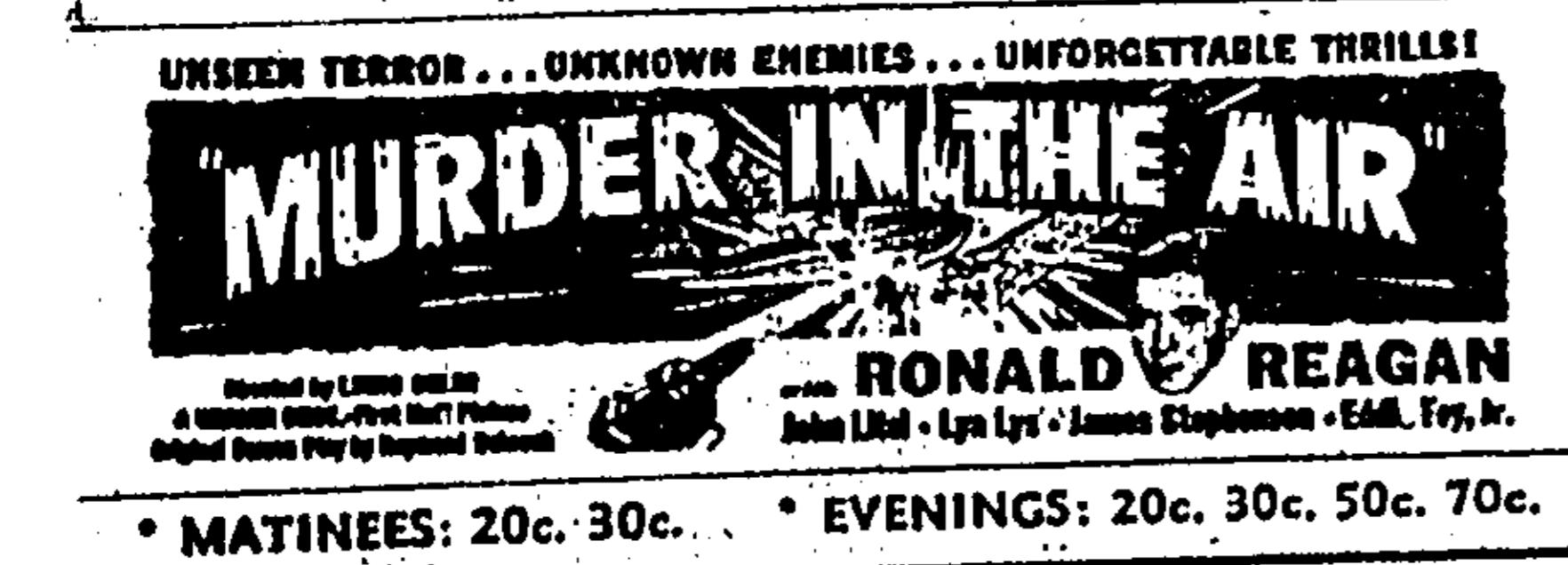
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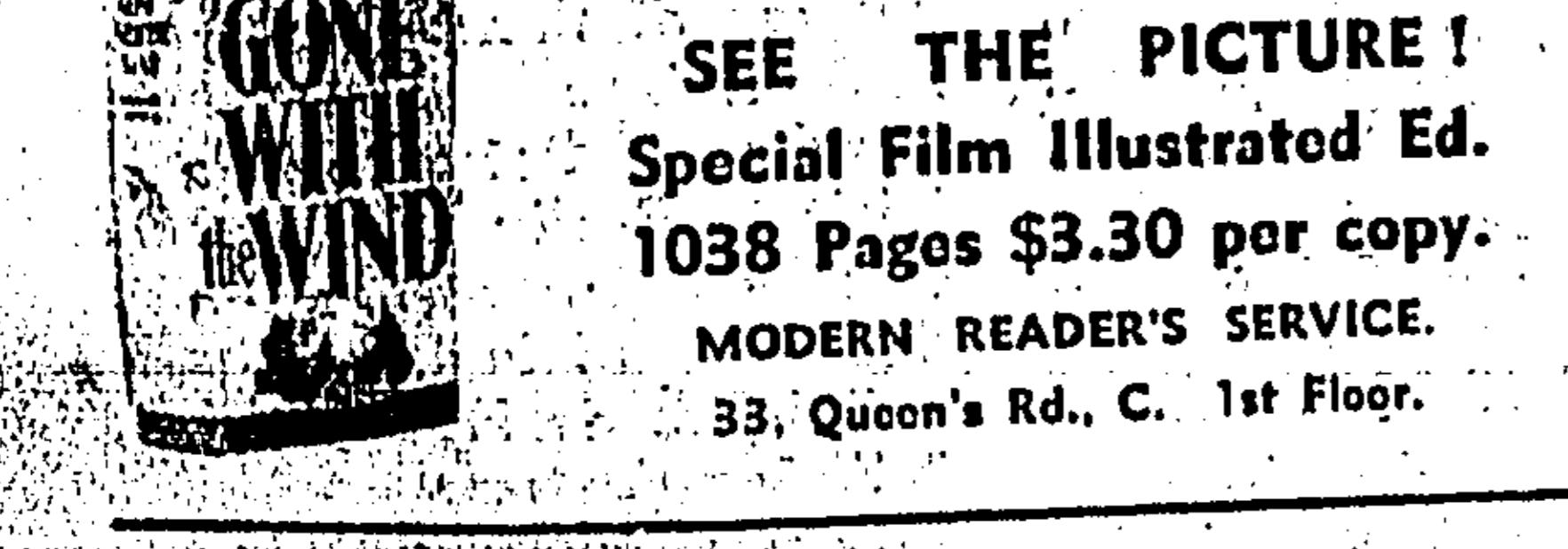
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Effects of this terrific cross-wind, such as body sway and roll, are checked by observers as the test car rolls along a straight line on the paved track. Two distinct car motions are studied. One—the horizontal movement—simulates sudden turns in curves or in passing another car, and quick changes of steering caused by unforeseen obstacles. The second motion is the sway set up by a strong cross-wind.

The new wind machine is playing a major role in the building of safer automobiles, according to members of the Ford experimental engineering department.

"We have installed the cross-wind generator to augment Ford engineering facilities for insuring still safer car operation," an engineer said. "Because of the speed factor, to-day's automobile must be prepared to withstand all the punishing forms of side shock our new device creates."

The Ford wind machine can be rotated on its base, enabling test engineers to throw a blast at a passing automobile from any angle. Test cars are driven through the wind under natural conditions—some fast, then slow; some with the windows open, others with the windows closed. The most effective test data, it was said, are obtained when cars catch the blast while travelling at top speed. The effects of the blast are more pronounced.

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ITALIANS ADVANCE FIVE MILES: FORCES CONVERGE ON JANINA

Stubborn Resistance By Greeks Is Admitted; Italy And An Armistice

By REYNOLDS PACKARD
United Press Staff Correspondent.

ROME, Oct. 31, (UP).—ITALIAN FORCES ARE CONVERGING IN A PINCER MOVEMENT TO-NIGHT UPON THE TOWN OF JANINA, THE FIRST IMPORTANT TOWN BEYOND THE GREEK-ALBANIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES FROM ARCYROCASTRE.

GREEK BOMBERS IN ACTION

Harass Italian Forces.

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (UP).—Italian planes bombed Patras again to-day and also Navpaktos on the north shore of the Gulf of Corinth where they killed a woman and eight men, and destroyed a schoolhouse.

Meanwhile informed military quarters believe that Janina is the chief objective of the Italians but they deny the Italian claims to a big push in the Florina sector, which they say is "still comparatively quiet."

To-day, for the first time, Greek light bombers were reported in action, hammering Italian columns and supply points behind the lines beyond Metzani. They have also been bombing Italian columns along the coast road endeavouring to hamper the Italians in attaining their objective of Geumentza on the Ionian Sea, the terminus of the road leading up the Kalman Valley to Janina.

Berlin and Athens

Telephone communications between Athens and Berlin have been cut.

Although relations between Germany and Greece are not clear and not defined, the German Legation regards them as being "satisfactory" but "fluid."

The Greek Government and police are doing their utmost to avoid incidents leading to friction and a spokesman of the German Legation said Germany has no quarrel with Greece.

Greek Warships In Action

CORFU, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Greek warships joined in battle against Italian land troops when they shelled an Italian advanced position on the Greco-Albanian border early to-day.

The engagement which began at 7 a.m. and lasted one hour was watched by a large crowd gathered at Corfu.

There was no sign of Italian warships or planes while the shelling proceeded and there is no news of any Anglo-Italian naval battle.

Another Mouth For Goebbels To Feed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Fru Goebbels presented his daughter with their seventh child—a daughter—today, says a Berlin report.

One column composed of Alpini Bersaglieri and also Albanian regiments is circling southward towards Janina from the frontier town of Perta. The second column is heading direct for Janina from the region of the Albanian town of Kenispoli.

The Perta column is reported to have pushed within ten miles of Janina and the Kenispoli column within five miles—at least one of them is expected to enter the objective before noon to-morrow. Another column is fighting forward towards Phorina in northern Greece aided by aeroplanes strafing mountain artillery.

WOULD DEMAND ABDICATION OF KING

Italian quarters have declined to discuss the reported armistice between Italy and Greece, declaring that the Italian occupation will continue whether or not it is resisted. It is emphasised among most quarters here that the Italians would only consider overtures envisaging the abdication of the present King of Greece and the capitulation of General Metaxas and his followers.

Reports from Ohrid state that the Italians at dawn to-day occupied the small Greek village of Kastanani several metres to the south of Konispoli and that they also attacked the Greek town of Melisopetra on the main road to Janina where they were repulsed by the Greeks.

Bad Weather

Bad weather along the whole battle line is reported to have hampered operations through the night. At dawn heavy cannonading was audible on the Yugo-Slavian border from the direction of the Albanian village of Billista near Prespa.

It was reported that at about 6 a.m. Italian troops from the Albanian town of Mesarle crossed the frontier and followed the main road to Janina. They attacked a bridge across the River Vyyos but were halted by Greek artillery and repulsed after an hour's fighting. Seventeen Italians were killed and forty wounded, while four Greeks were seriously wounded.

The main concentration of Italian troops on the Greek frontier are said to be at Mesarle, according to the reports from Ohrid.

Five-Mile Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—The Italians are reported to have advanced five miles along the Delvinio-Janina road despite strong Greek resistance, says a "United Press" message from Ohrid. The Rome newspapers assert that the Italian advance is proceeding steadily, although they confess the Greeks are

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OFFERS TO AID GREEKS

Soviet Planes Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Offers of aid from wealthy Greeks are pouring into Government offices.

One woman ship-owner has written to General Metaxas placing three vessels at the disposal of the nation.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force.

Many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose.

Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops are reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies.

Elsewhere a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies.

1,300 Planes A Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States is at present sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it is estimated, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston last night to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

28 Missing From Sunk French Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Admiralty has listed 28 missing and 16 rescued from the commandered French steamer St. Malo which was sunk by enemy action last Saturday on the high seas.

Berlin Claim

BERLIN, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the British merchant vessel Starstone, 5,700 tons, has been sunk west of Ireland by heavy calibre bombs.

100 Warplanes Story

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to the Moscow radio.

Nehru Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian leader, one of the two men chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad to-night, according to the Delhi radio.

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LATEST

Willkie's Boast Of War Aid For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 31 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, asserted this evening that he could gear up production in the United States for aeroplanes and other munitions to aid Britain, much better than

Western Hemisphere" but said that he would not stand for a policy of appeasement. He contended that the Roosevelt administration had been "helping those very nations which the third term candidate says should be quarantined" citing the recent release of a shipment of machine tools to Russia, the "ally of Germany."

Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I will not help to mechanise the Red Army so that it can carry out its purpose. We shall feel well content to mechanise the Army of the United States."

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Mr. Willkie added that they were

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chained to Hitler's apple-cart.

R.A.F. DID THIS IN GERMANY



Proving that the Air Ministry's claims regarding R.A.F. attacks on German cities are not wild imaginings, this picture taken by an American agency, shows Nazi firemen trying to fight the flames in a huge timber yard set ablaze by British incendiary bombs in a recent raid on a north German town.

U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

Producers' Great Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost \$2,000,000,000, is stated by independent sources to cover the 12,000 planes asked for by Britain.

It is believed that the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble the parts manufactured in motor car factories.

Whether these will be operated by the Government or by the aircraft or motor car industry is not yet decided.

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Black Sea Interests At Stake

No Soviet Promise To Turks

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles are ridiculed here.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.

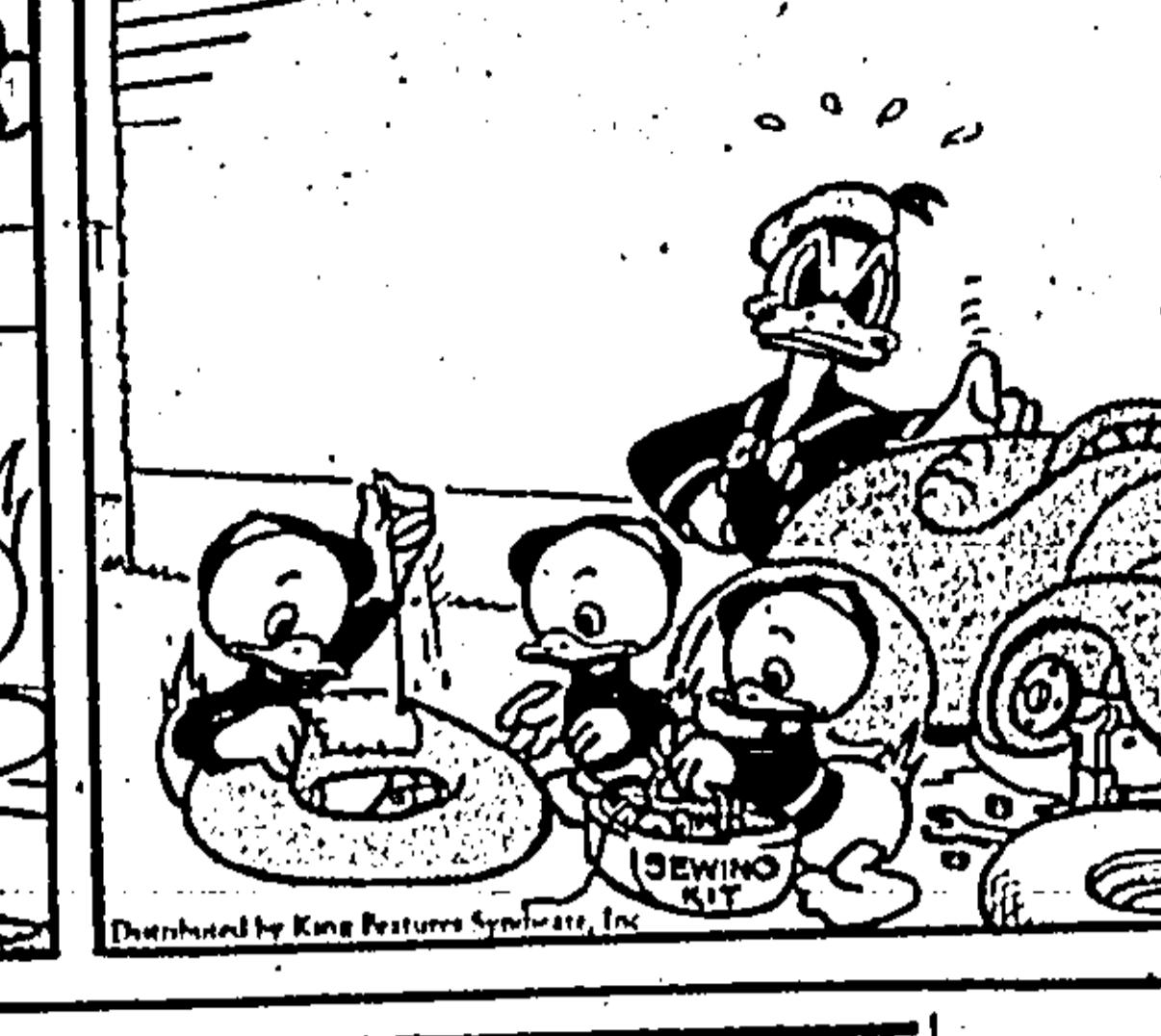
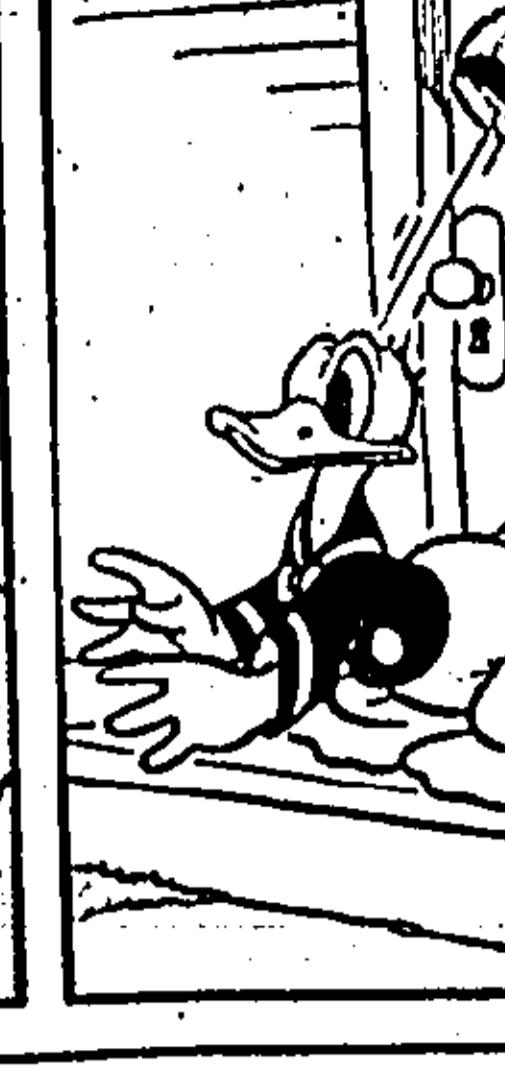
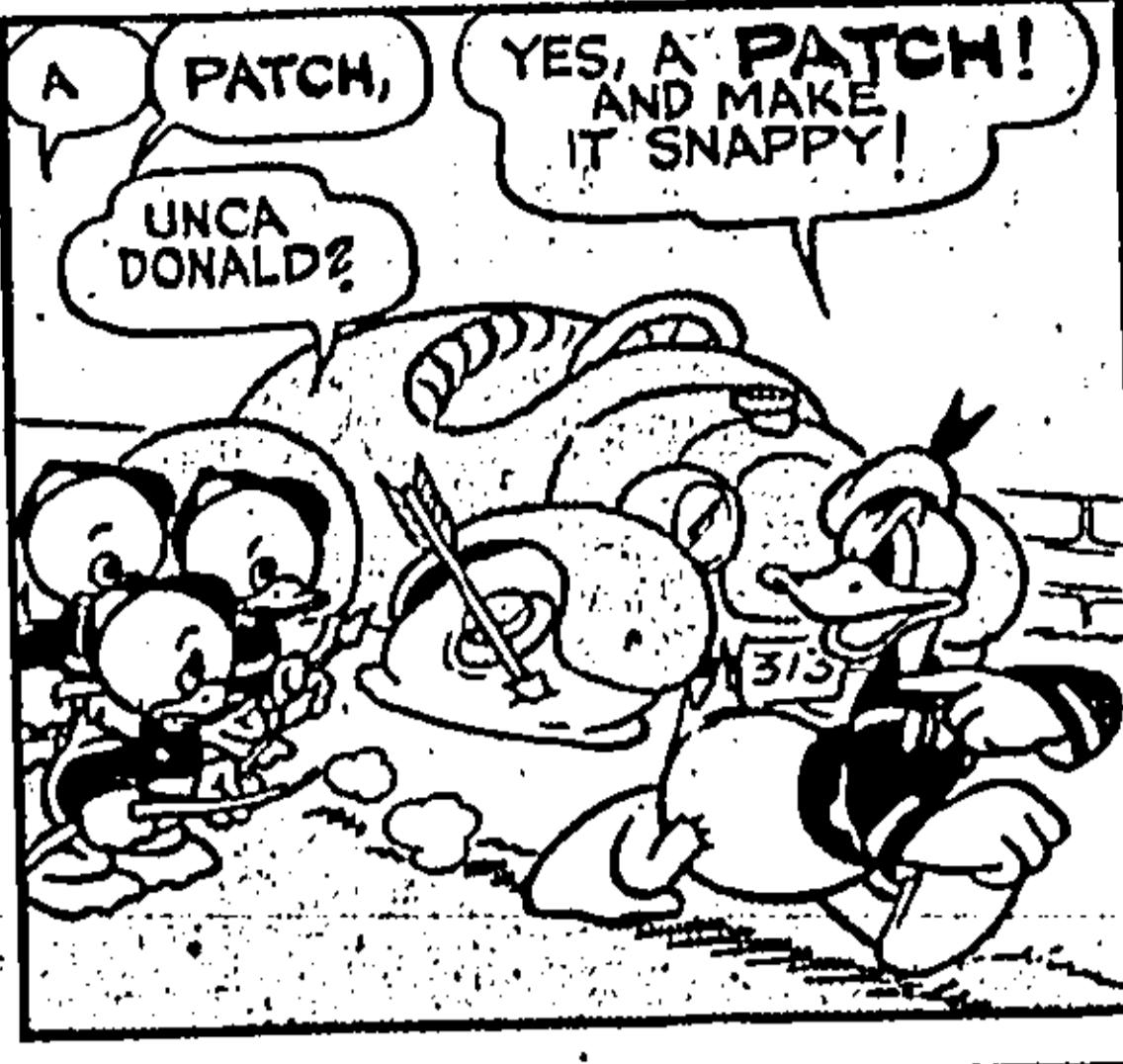
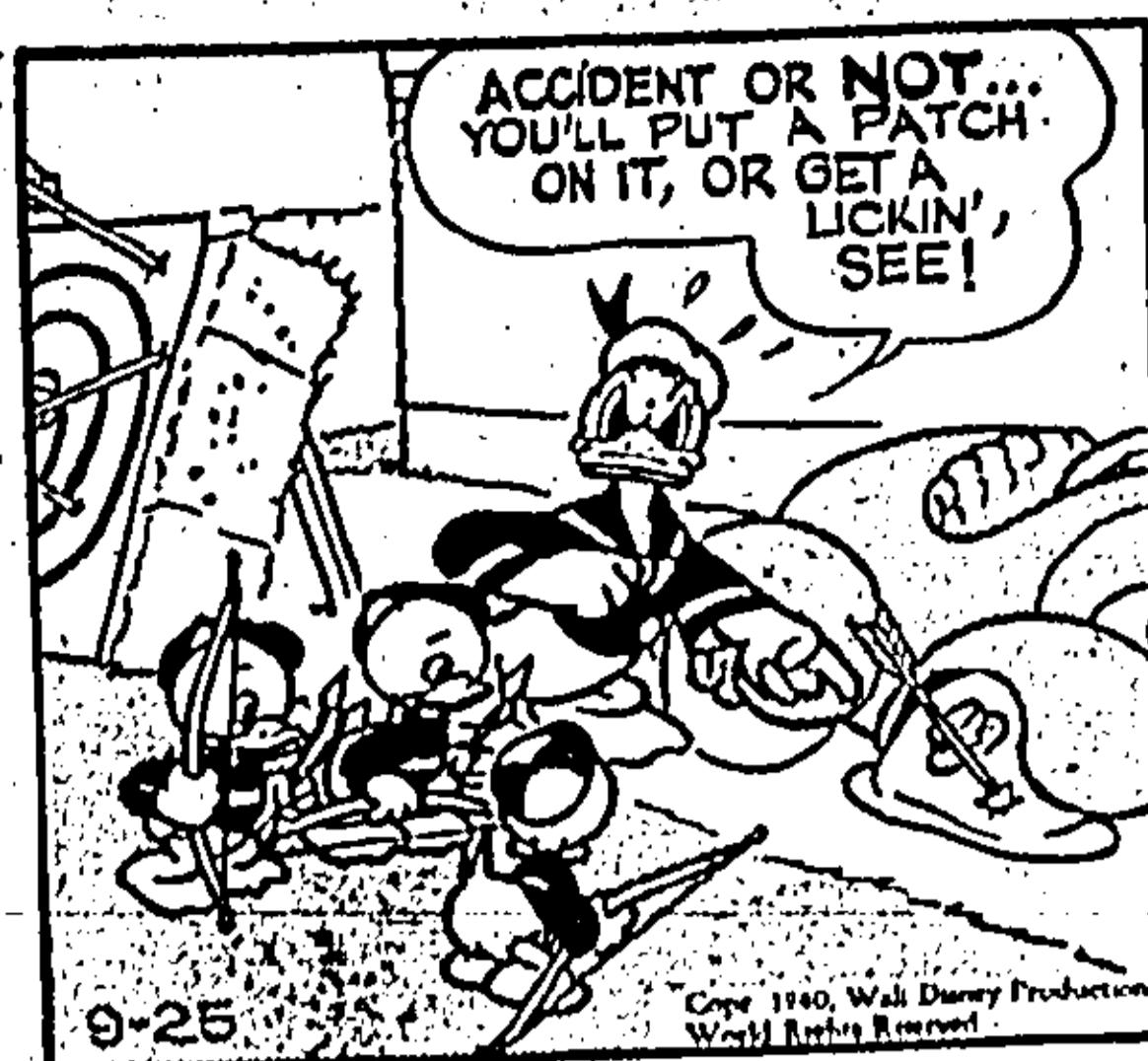
Police Serve Notices On H.K. Evacuees

As a follow-up to recent notification that an evacuee steamer would leave in the second week of November, on which fifty berths had been reserved and which it is understood is bound for Australia, the Police Authorities have served orders on the women affected, notifying them that they must leave the Colony in the near future.

A European Police officer went round yesterday evening with the notices, and served them personally. The notices in each case contain a reminder that failure to comply with the order will entail a penalty, which it is pointed out can be a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment.

See Back Page For Further Late News

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AIRMEN ACT AS TARGETS

By JOHN CASHEL

SIXPENCE a day to be bombed! Don't laugh. That really happens.

I have just been talking to Three Men in a Yellow Boat who offer themselves as human targets though, their lives being precious, a substantial slab of protective armour is placed between them and the ruin of high explosive.

They are one of many trios of brave men of Britain's Royal Air Force who speed over the coastal ranges round our shores in armoured target motor-boats so that our bombers can learn and perfect their aim by practising the real thing.

The airmen drop live explosives weighing about eleven pounds each, large enough when they find their elusive mark to dent the three and a half tons of armour protecting the little target boat and to give the three men inside it an unpleasant shake-up.

They wear crash-helmets and ear-protectors, and the armour covers the wheelhouse, engine-room and hull of their craft. The rest is packed with a buoyant material to prevent it from being sunk by a good hit.

THE boat is painted yellow — the R.A.F.'s colour to distinguish training aircraft and this colouring also helps to show up the tiny target boats to the bombers as they will have nothing so small to attack in the shape of enemy objectives.

The target boats flash along at 20 knots, turning, zig-zagging, dodging the practice bombers. A hit sometimes capsizes them. The three men, good swimmers and specially trained for the job, dive clear, right their boat if it does not automatically right itself, clamber in again, ready for the next fall of bombs.

Nothing extraordinary for them. Just routine heroes!

THEIR captain is a corporal earning 7s. 9d. a day. The other two are leading airmen, pay 5s. 3d., or possibly one is an airmen, pay 4s. 6d.

Each receives an extra sixpence a day when at sea. Another sixpence beyond that when they are bombed, proud to be chosen for the privilege of earning that last sixpence.

They are one section of the little-known sea-arm of the flying men, the R.A.F.'s Own Navy, operated by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

Day and night, at the Command's sea stations around Britain's 4,000 miles of coastline, the Airmen's Fleet never stops working.

Come to a typical station. Besides the target boats you see the better-known high-speed launches. With a crew of ten under a master mariner, they race out at 40 knots, rescuing Nazi airmen shot or forced down at sea, and—although this need is less often—our own seawrecked airmen.

They are assisted by their smaller sisters, the 13-knot pinnaces, with a crew of five. These are the Fleet's maids-of-all-work.

Look at that one. It is laying a flare-path so that a flying-boat can see to take off and another to come down. A second pinnace dashes across the harbour carrying stores of water. A third is off to recover torpedoes fired by aircraft at practice over the bombing range.

THERE'S another different craft—a seaplane-tender or crashboat. It's speeding towards a plane that has been forced down at practice. Always during practice a crash-boat is standing by ready to give aid in emergency.

And what's that? A flying-boat fueler moving off to the anchorage of half a dozen flying-boats.

They're just back from patrol, the Eyes Over the Sea, after keeping ceaseless vigil on all Hitler is doing at the occupied ports from Norway's Bergen to France's Bordeaux, on whatever Nazi ship puts its nose into the North Sea or the Channel, on enemy planes that set out to reconnoitre or raid Britain.

The flying-boat patrols are our first line of defence. They must be refuelled immediately they come back, ready for instant action again. The re-

day and night they must be kept in perfect order. Round and round, doing the job, go the mooring boats, supplementing the work of the land mooring staffs.

Fast dinghies provide communication between shore and aircraft at every sea station of Coastal Command, which ever has its own floating dock.

Broadly speaking, every high-speed launch that puts to sea on its mission of mercy, every major movement of this motley fleet, is like all coastal flying operations, directed over the wireless and other inter-communication lines that set out to reconnoitre or raid Britain.

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Pupils Missing After Bombs Fell On School

Several boys were missing when the roll was called after bombs had damaged a school in a town on the southwest coast of England. The body of one boy was recovered. A few others were injured and are in hospital.

Two nurses were seriously hurt when a Midland's sana other south-east raider swept low over a seaside village. The patients had been taken to shelter and were untouched.

A bomb which seriously damaged the nurses' home inflicted the two casualties. An annex to a ward in the main building, which the patients had just left, was also damaged.

An enemy bomber crossing south-east coast saw a grounded plane.

Thinking it was on an aero-drome, the German released some heavy bombs, all of which fell wide of the mark.

The plane on the ground was a Messerschmitt 110 which had been shot down by a Spitfire hours before. The pilot had been badly wounded, but the second occupant was unharmed.

Raiders Drowned

A night, raider was shot down off the north-east coast of England.

The plane was caught in searchlights as it was driven out to sea.

There was heavy anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire.

Suddenly sparks were seen to come from the machine. Soon afterwards, as it lost height, one of the occupants baled out.

A second parachute was seen to leave the plane. So far there has been no report of any of the occupants of the plane being found.

It is presumed that they were drowned.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Call up the broadcasting company and tell that woman her slip's showing!"

MANILA'S HUMAN MOSQUITO TRAP

To help solve the unemployment problem and also study the habits of mosquitoes, Manila City Sanitary Engineer E. L. Ejercito has invented a "human mosquito-trap," reports United Press.

The trap consists of a box with screened sides inside a large, similarly constructed box. Mosquitoes will be inveigled through holes in the big box by the smell of "live" human bait inside the small box. The screens around the small box will protect the bait and enable department officials to capture the mosquitoes alive.

City experts anticipate a flood of applicants for the peso 1.25 a day job, inasmuch as all the bait has to do is lie inside the trap eight hours a day and attract mosquitoes.

Health officials were silent on whether or not persons naturally attractive to mosquitoes will be given preference.

Four such traps are being constructed by the City Health Department to be installed in four sections of the city. The mosquito season begins in December and ends in May, just as the rains begin, and, according to health authorities, failure to exterminate the mosquitoes is due to lack of knowledge on what kind of mosquitoes thrive in each part of the city. The traps will help overcome this, health experts hope.

If the telephone service had been shut down, production would have been seriously interfered with. So a call was made for girls to volunteer to operate a skeleton service.

Six out of the eight girls then on duty—Misses E. M. Legge, D. Ager, W. Bibby, D. Russell, J. M. Arrowsmith and B. J. Wyatt—asked to be allowed to stay at their switchboards, though fully aware of the risk.

Finally selection had to be made by seniority; and four senior girls stayed at their posts in a room almost vertically above the position of the bomb until the danger was over five hours later.

It may have been due to a fishing fleet returning through the mist earlier than expected. Police in Surrey are investigating another false alarm given on September 7 in the Woking area, which greatly alarmed householders.

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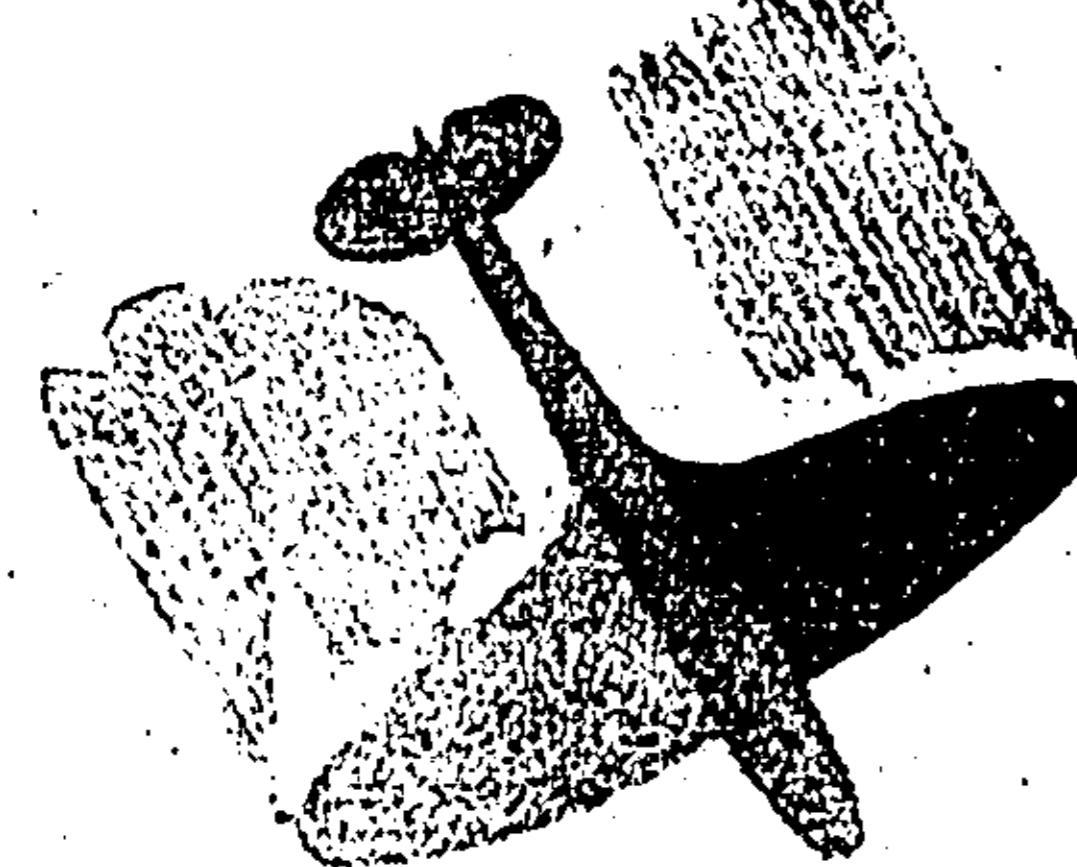
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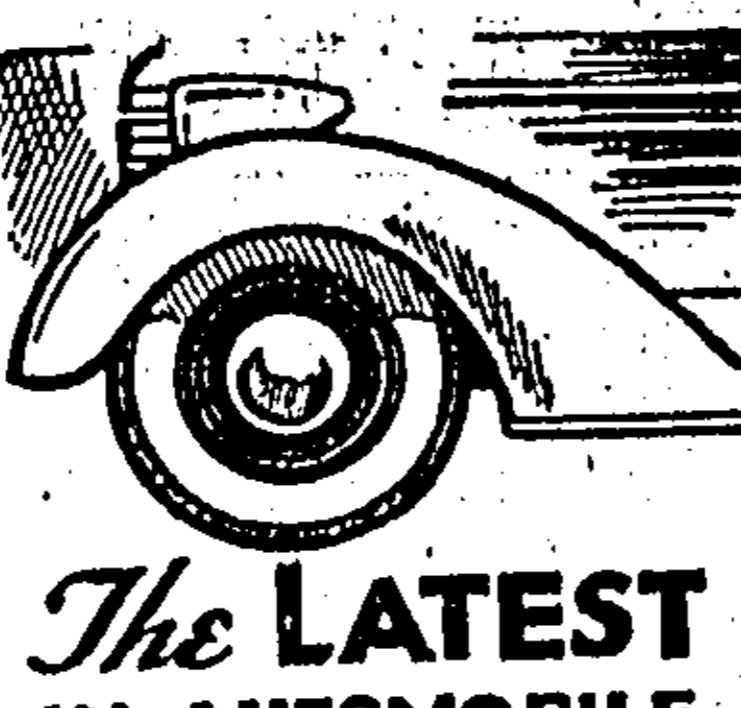
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BRUTAL ACT

THE heartless cynic will remark that the shooting down of a defenceless C.N.A.C. passenger plane by Japanese war machines, resulting in the death of nine people, including the American pilot, Mr. W. C. Kent, is just part of the fortunes of war—a cynicism which is given additional sting by the fact that it constitutes but one of many barbarous acts connected with a war which, according to international law, does not exist!

Technically speaking there is little or no difference between deliberately shooting down an unarmed plane loaded with civilians and just as deliberately bombing civilian populations; the point is, both are horrible acts, without justification.

An expression of regret from Tokyo would not have been out of place. The more charitably minded would like to think that the act was that of an irresponsible squadron leader with his senses temporarily blinded by the lust of war; but Tokyo has displayed complete indifference, while the Japanese news agencies did not even report the occurrence; this suggests official connivance in brutality, and the attitude calls for condemnation.

The affair is not only a tragedy; it is another tragic blunder on the part of the Japanese militarists, for its only effect is further to alienate world opinion and to make China more and more determined to fight to the end.

WOMEN'S DEFIANCE

IT is commonly said that to be sure of success a great cause must have the devoted support of the women of a nation. There can be no doubt of where and how the women of the British Commonwealth stand in this struggle to preserve liberty, dignity, and honour. They know that this is peculiarly a woman's cause, and that if it is lost, everything for which they have fought for generations will vanish.

That is why every plan to help the war is in which women have been specially enlisted has been carried through with such energy.

These manifestations of the war spirit pass through various stages.

WILL EUROPE STARVE?

On Hitler Rests
The Legal and Moral
Responsibility.

The position in fertilizers is sound. Since 1940 the manufacture of synthetic nitrates has made the Continent potentially self-sufficient in nitrogen fertilizers, which are the most important. There is a surplus of potash fertilizers, and a 30 per cent. deficiency in phosphates can probably be made good, in part at least, by the normal imports from the U.S.S.R. and French North Africa.

Grain Stocks

What has been said so far relates to more or less normal conditions, to the sort of conditions which might be expected in 1941 or 1942. The position this winter is complicated by the fact that the 1940 crop is well below normal in most parts of the Continent, due to the severe winter and late spring, labour shortages, and some destruction by fighting. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1940 wheat crop at 34,000,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent. of normal consumption, and while no estimates of other crops are available, it is probable that they are down in something like the same proportion.

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CANADA'S WAR HUSTLE

New Contracts

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since war began.

These facts were given by Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for the Canadian account total £6,750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for the British account.

Complete Aircraft

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, the engines being installed in British plants.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans and British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise construction of the plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent. during the last three months.

MIDDLE EAST FRONT RELIEVED BY PATROL CONTACTS

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—British fighting patrols were again active in the Kassala region of the Sudan on October 27 and 28, according to a British communiqué.

This communiqué adds: "On the latter day, a party of the enemy was ambushed leaving 15 dead and six prisoners in our hands. The mechanical transport vehicles were also wrecked. Our casualties were nil."

"There is nothing to report from Egypt, Kenya and Palestine."

Aviation Busy

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—A communiqué records attacks by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force in the Middle East on six Italian bases and camps in Libya and East Africa.

A stores dump was destroyed, a military building was damaged or set on fire, and warehouses were heavily bombed at Bardia and Tobruk in Libya, at Telescan, Keren and Lughferd in Italian Somaliland and at Misawa.



FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 2-28, at least 50% of the population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease is between the toes.

Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels.

After a while the itching becomes intense and you should know that you will scratch off all the skin.

Beware of It Spreading

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and the skin also cracks and peels, and the disease spreads.

Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crevices of the body.

Now once again his audacious idea is creating widespread interest.

People who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies without success.

Ordinary vermectics, antiseptics, salve, oil, ointments, salves do not do any good.

Here's How to Treat It

The germ that causes the disease is known as *Trichophyton*. It burrows itself deep in the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows it takes 18 days to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are not successful.

It was designed solely for the purpose of treating Athlete's Foot. It is a liquid that penetrates and kills quickly. You just paint the affected parts. It is the result of the action of the germ breed.

Itching Stops Immediately

As soon as you apply it, F. you will find the itching is immediately relieved. You should apply it to the infected parts at night and morning and it takes from three to ten days, although in severe cases it may take longer or in mild cases less time.

It will not only kill the germ, but it will also help to heal the skin.

It will relieve the quick way it brings you relief. You are one of those who have tried for years to get rid of Athlete's Foot without success.

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Holland Streamlined To Dictator Regime

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Holland has been converted into a Fascist Totalitarian state on true Nazi lines, states the Dutch newspaper, "Vrij Nederland" (Free Holland).

Describing the system introduced by the Germans, the newspaper says: "The country's national administration has been centralised by the German Governor, Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, and placed in the hands of four Germans, each administering several ministerial departments and accountable only to Seyss-Inquart himself."

"Replacement of burgomasters by pro-Germans is proceeding methodically, and Seyss-Inquart has re-organised conditions under which State officials are appointed in furtherance of efforts to consolidate the German occupation."

"He also has power to appoint and dismiss all Government civil servants, railway, banking and judicial authorities and mayors."

Totalitarian News

"Distribution of news to the Dutch people is also cut to the Totalitarian pattern."

The newspaper adds: "Dutch autonomy is growing and has been increased by the fact that the Germans have not succeeded, despite their promises, in bringing the 'Jum tomorrow' era into being. On the contrary, the standard of living in the Netherlands is rapidly getting lower, the rationing of food, clothes, petrol and other important supplies being extremely severe."

S.A. AIRMEN IN ACTION

NAIROBI, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—South African aircraft attacked a military camp at Lughferd in Italian Somaliland on October 20. Bombs were dropped among buildings in the target area, says a communiqué.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights. All returned safely.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.	1,215
H.K. Banks £.	62
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.	67
Chartered £.	67
Mercantile, A. & B. £.	207
Mercantile, C. & L. £.	103
East Asia \$.	72

INSURANCES

Canton \$.	175
Union \$.	387
China Underwriters \$.	1
H.K. Fire \$.	150

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.	130
Steamboats \$.	11
Indo-China P. \$.	100
Indo-China D. \$.	80
Shell (Bearers) \$/-	34/4
Waterboats \$.	6.00

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.	50
Docks (old) \$.	10
Docks (new) \$.	15
Providents \$.	4.50
Shui Dockyards \$.	29

MINING

Kalman \$/-	14
Rubus \$.	9.4
H.K. Mines \$.	1/4 cts.

LANDS

Hotels \$.	3.20
Lands \$.	31
Lands 4% Debentures \$.	100
Shui Lands Sh. \$.	10.40
Humphreys \$.	7.10
H.K. Realities \$.	3.35
Chinese Estates \$.	100

UTILITIES

Trams \$.

Peak Trams (old) \$.

Peak Trams (new) \$.

Star Ferries \$.

China Lights \$.

China Lights (new) \$.

H.K. Electric \$.

H.K. Electric (new) \$.

Macau Electric \$.

Macau Electric (new) \$.

Sundakan Lights \$.

Telephones (old) \$.

Telephones (new) \$.

INDUSTRIALS

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ITALIAN TORPEDO Devices Recalled By Gib. Attempt

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—No further light has been shed by the British authorities as to the actual nature of the attempt by Italian officers to torpedo ships in Gibraltar Harbour with a "special device."

Naval observers in London recall that in the last war the Italians used a sort of "sea tank" or miniature motor torpedo boat which could climb over obstructions at the entrance to harbours and also have a sort of raft with which men could swim into harbours to fix mines to ships.

In 1918 a sea tank was discovered and had to be sunk but two Italian officers used a raft to get into an important harbour and blow up an Austrian warship.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT BRITAIN

M. Laval's Assurances

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 31 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval to-day indicated that France would have no part in a war against Britain.

He stressed that collaboration with Germany would be colonial as well as economic, but he emphasised that "collaboration excludes all ideas of aggression."

The Vichy Foreign Minister stated this when he received the press at the Hotel Matignon in Paris to-night.

He warned his hearers that negotiations between France and Germany would be very difficult as long as military operations continued. However, he declared that France was preparing a precise answer to the German questionnaire and hoped to be able to give an answer soon.

Florence Meeting
ZURICH, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Declarations of capital importance concern-

U.S. To Build Ships For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, said the British Government had placed orders with American builders for a "large number" of new freight ships.

Won't Disclose Details

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The fact that the British Government had ordered a large number of freighters from the United States was disclosed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day. He said that he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying that the British had ordered a large number of one standard-type freight ship.

10,000-Ton Vessels

Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Mission, later explained that he was trying especially to buy 10,000-ton cargo vessels.

The number to be purchased would depend largely on the number available. Some might be purchased in Canada but the bulk of business was expected to go to American shipyards.

U.S. Interest In Vichy Policy Answered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, to-day gave the State Department renewed assurance that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that negotiations between France, Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy last night, he said, denied that Germany had made any proposal for formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added that he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Petain to President Roosevelt's message with regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Mrs. Earl Browder To Leave

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Department of Justice has ordered deportation to Russia of Mrs. Russka Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the Communist leader, on the ground that she entered the United States illegally.

The Browders were married in Moscow in 1926.

British Garrison In Iceland Visited

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—General Viscount Gort, Inspector-General of the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement.

Former British Judge In China Dead

Sir Frederick Bourne, Judge of His Majesty's Supreme Court at Weihaiwei from 1904 to 1916, died at the Firs, Mayfield, on August 23.

Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne was born on October 3, 1854, his father being the Rev. S. W. Bourne. He was educated at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, and in 1873 became a clerk in the War Office. Three years later he joined the China Consular Service and in 1885-86 was employed on special service exploring the country bordering on Tonking. For his services at Chungking in 1886 he received the thanks of the President of the United States.

In 1890 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, and three years later was appointed vice-consul at Canton. He was consul in charge of the Blackburn Commercial Mission in 1890-91. Before being elevated to his judgeship at Weihaiwei, he had been from 1901 to 1916 Assistant Judge of His Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea at Shanghai.

In 1899 he married Isabel Alice, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. J. Chalmers, and had two sons and a daughter.

MR. KENNEDY'S FUTURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, may become head of the Defence Commission, the "Battue Bureau of the new World War," if President Roosevelt is re-elected.

This is suggested by two noted columnists in the "New York World-Telegram."



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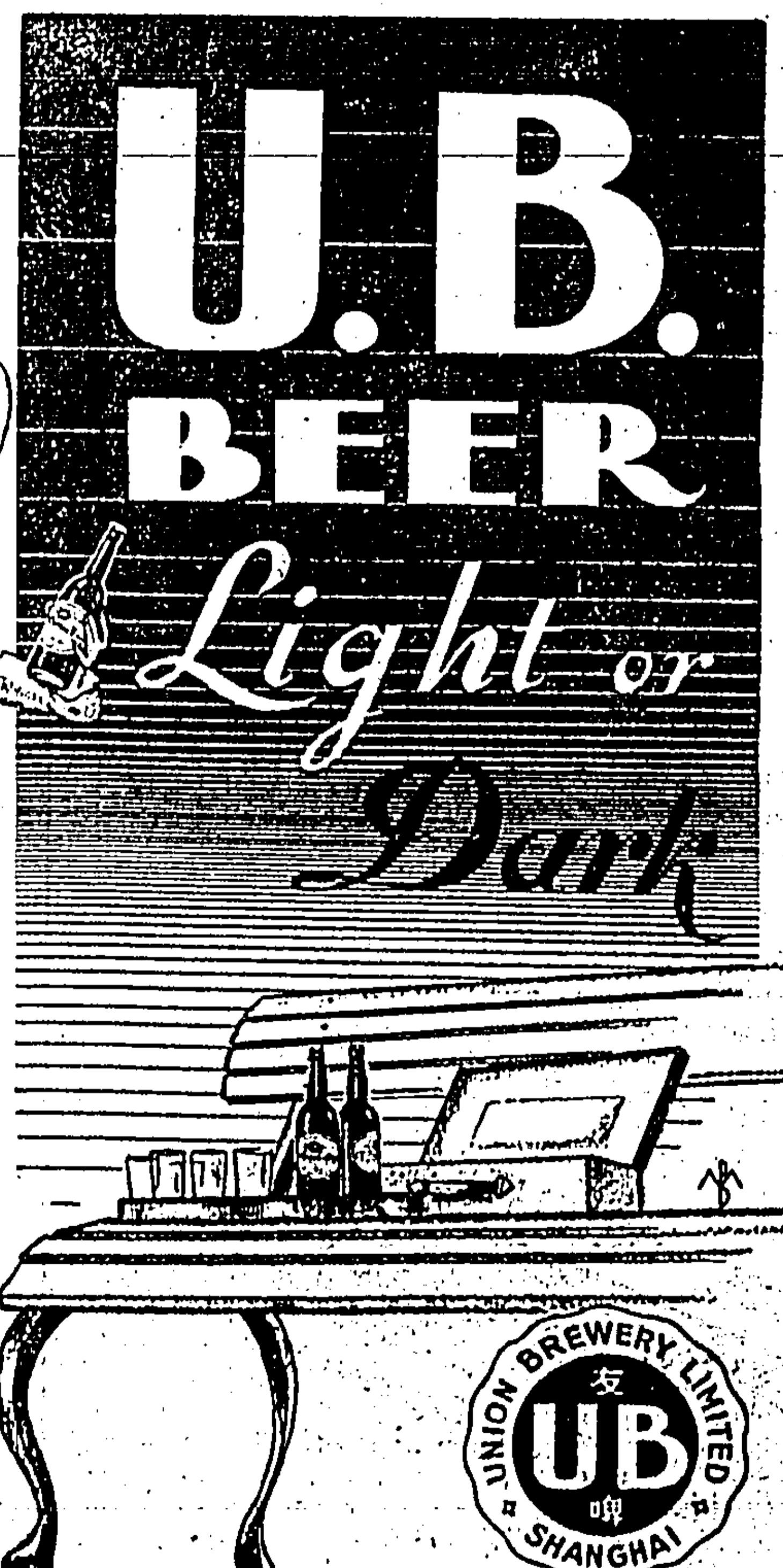
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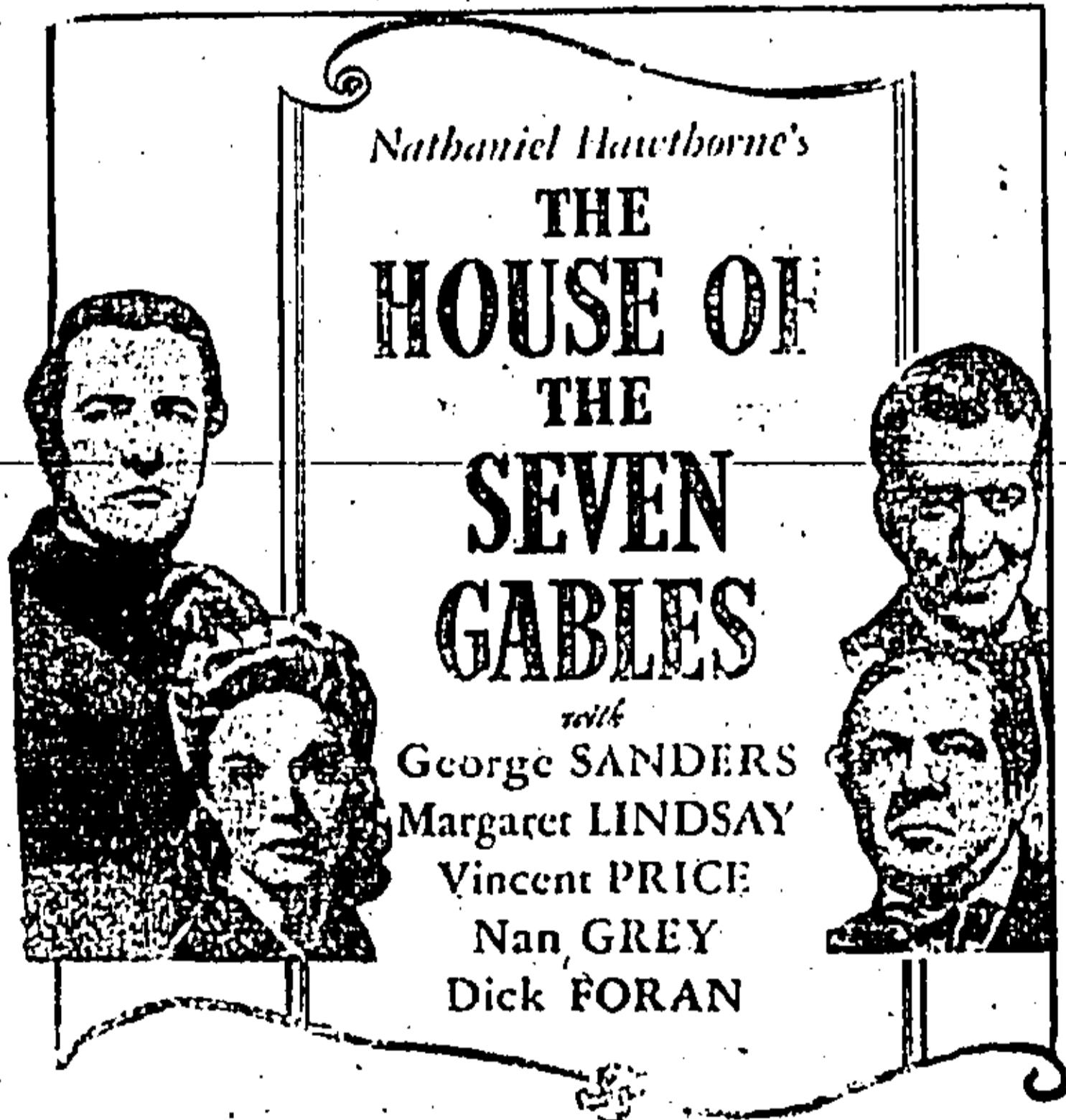
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ARMISTICE DAY**Customary Observances Abandoned**

LONDON, Oct. 31 (British Wires)—The King has decided that the usual Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph shall not be held this year, and the Government feel that in the present circumstances it would be preferable that other large services which it had been the custom to hold throughout the country should not be held.

In view of the risk of confusion with air raid warning signals, it will not be possible to signal a two-minutes silence as in previous years.

Poppy Day As Usual

November 11 will, however, be observed as Poppy Day as hitherto and the British Legion are making the usual arrangements for the sale of poppies in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

The following announcement has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury:

"H.M.G. have announced that in the present circumstances Armistice Day cannot be observed in the once customary manner. While this is inevitable, there will be a general desire that Armistice Day should not pass without associations which have so long surrounded it. It is, therefore, proposed with the approval of the King that Sunday, November 10, should be observed in our various places of worship and in our hearts and homes as a day of remembrance and dedication."

WU TEH-CHEN**Goodwill Tour Results**

CHUNKING, Nov. 1 (Central News)—General Wu Teh-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs and Chin's goodwill envoy to the South Sea Islands, has left Batavia for Sumatra and other parts of the Netherlands East Indies.

As a result of General Wu's visit, there is a fresh demonstration of patriotism among Chinese in the Netherlands East Indies who have contributed \$1,000,000 (National currency) to the Chinese Government.

General Wu is expected to complete his goodwill tour in the Netherlands Indies within a week.

Spaniards Decorated For Saving Britons

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—The King has awarded silver medals for gallantry and humanity to Jose Otero Cuamany and Juan Mascito Pidlin, members of the crew of the Spanish fishing vessel, Meco, who showed the greatest disregard for personal safety in rescuing survivors from the oil tanker Telemna after it had been attacked and set on fire by an enemy submarine near the Spanish coast last May.

LATE NEWS**Italians Advance Five Miles****→ FROM PAGE ONE**

offering stiff resistance, especially with their artillery.

It has rained continuously for 40 hours in the fighting zones which have been transformed into a vast swampland with bleak mountains for background.

Responsible circles in Rome, Italy, reports that the Italians have taken Junin, but an Italian communiqué states that the Italians continued to advance on Epirus and have reached the Kalamas River at several points.

The port of Patras was bombed from the air and Greek ships loaded with troops were hit, claims the communiqué.

Bombs were also dropped on the bases at Lepanto, the encampments at Metzovo Pass, and the defence works in the Kalmus Valley, says the Rome communiqué.

Athens reports that the rumour that Russian planes have arrived at Salonika has been denied.

Athens Precautions

The police authorities in Athens have forbidden foreigners to remain in the streets between 9 p.m. and daybreak, without a special police pass.

The streets were cleared in record time late yesterday afternoon when an air alarm was sounded.

A few of the sufficiently curious peered at the sky as on the first day of the war; they saw a lone reconnaissance plane fly over the city and the Tatoi aerodrome, but no bombs were dropped. The machine then disappeared into the murky horizon. One person was killed in the third raid on Patras yesterday morning.

Lepanto Bombed

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Agrinon and Egina were bombed by Italian aircraft yesterday. The raid on the latter place led to an alarm in Athens.

Minor damage was done to all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all foreigners is imposed at Athens and this is believed to be connected with the Police comb-out.

It is hoped that British subjects, allies, will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

Three Lines Possible

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina on the road to Salonika is exceptionally well-guarded by the Greeks. The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kruken in Albania for a drive against Florina, but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap found in the centre front leads only into difficult country where few, if any, strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea. The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 people were killed on

U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory**→ FROM PAGE ONE**

including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when the output of 1,300 planes a month can be reached since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely, in production of machine tools and aero-engines, but informed American sources express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American forces.

Third Plan

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are (1) 35,000 planes for the United States army, already mostly contracted; (2) the original British programme for 14,000 planes; (3) the new British order for 12,000 planes.

Monday, has again been heavily attacked from the air.

Air Raid Damage

A communiqué issued by the Ministry of Public Safety states that in two raids yesterday damage was caused by eight planes to a number of houses, but only one person was injured.

It is reported that 110 bodies have been recovered following Monday's bombing. The victims include priests, police, officials, 30 women and 45 children.

More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as military objective.

Intruders Penetrate

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—The greatest depth of Italian advance at any point is only six miles, according to authoritative sources here.

It is stated that Italian artillery is pounding Greco and advanced posts but nowhere has contact been made with the main lines of the Greek defence.

Italian Shot Down

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—Reconnaissance flights over Greek and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday, and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

Steamer Captured

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—The Greek steamer, Attica, 1,900 tons, has been captured by the Italians, states the German radio.

The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, tyres and glycerine.

Greek Lines Unbroken

SALONIKA, Oct. 31 (Domel)—The Greek lines in the Macedonian sector of the Albanian front remain unbroken, according to the latest field dispatches. Until now there has been no air attack on Salonika which has been blacked out for the past three nights with anti-aircraft guns in a state of readiness.

Until bright waterfront cafés shut their windows to burn dim blue lights. Air raid shelters are being hastily dug in the main square of the city.

Italian residents numbering 500 have been arrested but Germans are still at large. Everything on wheels has been requisitioned. Even bicycles are affected and only trams are running.

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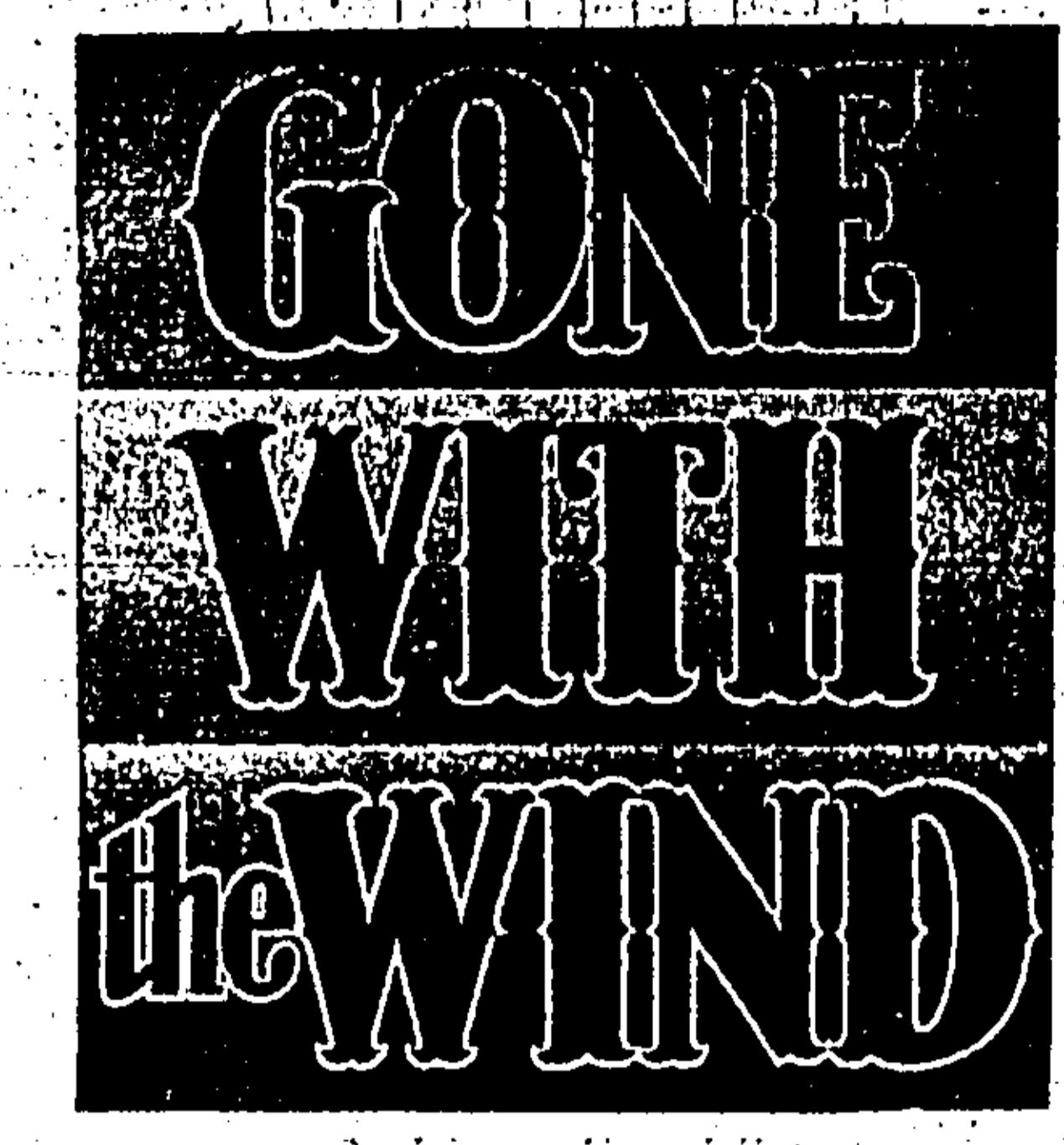
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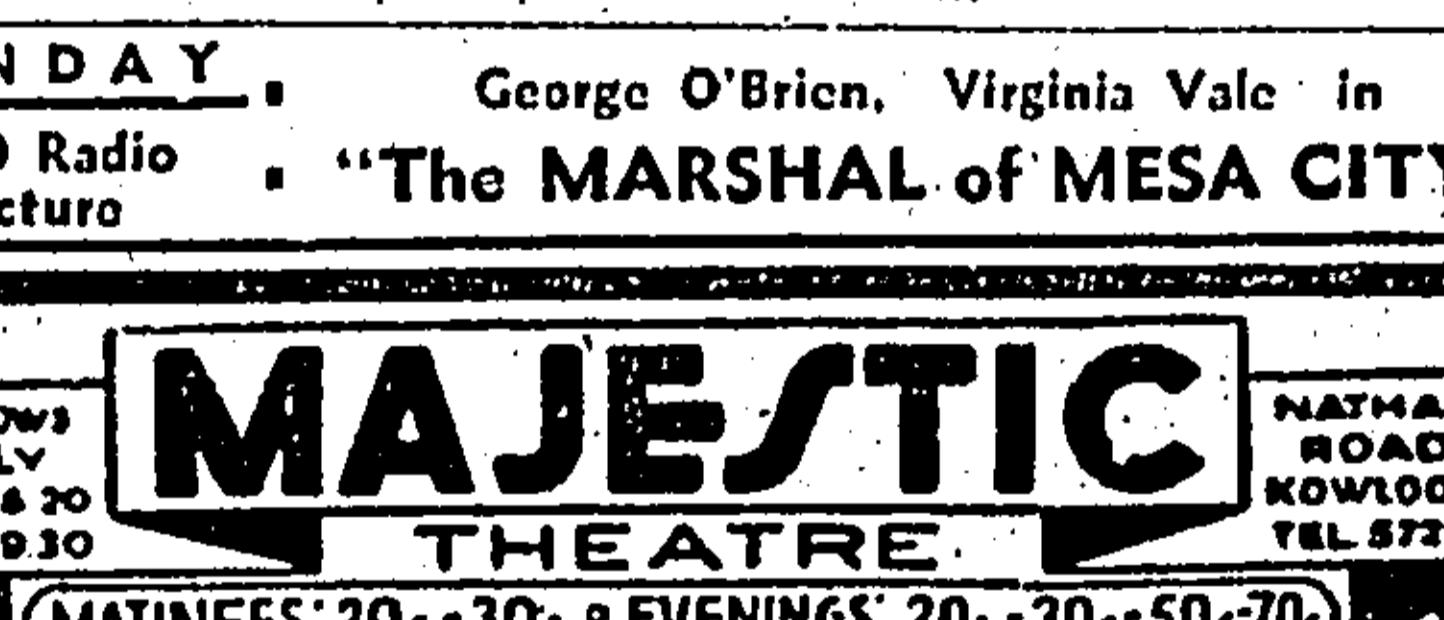
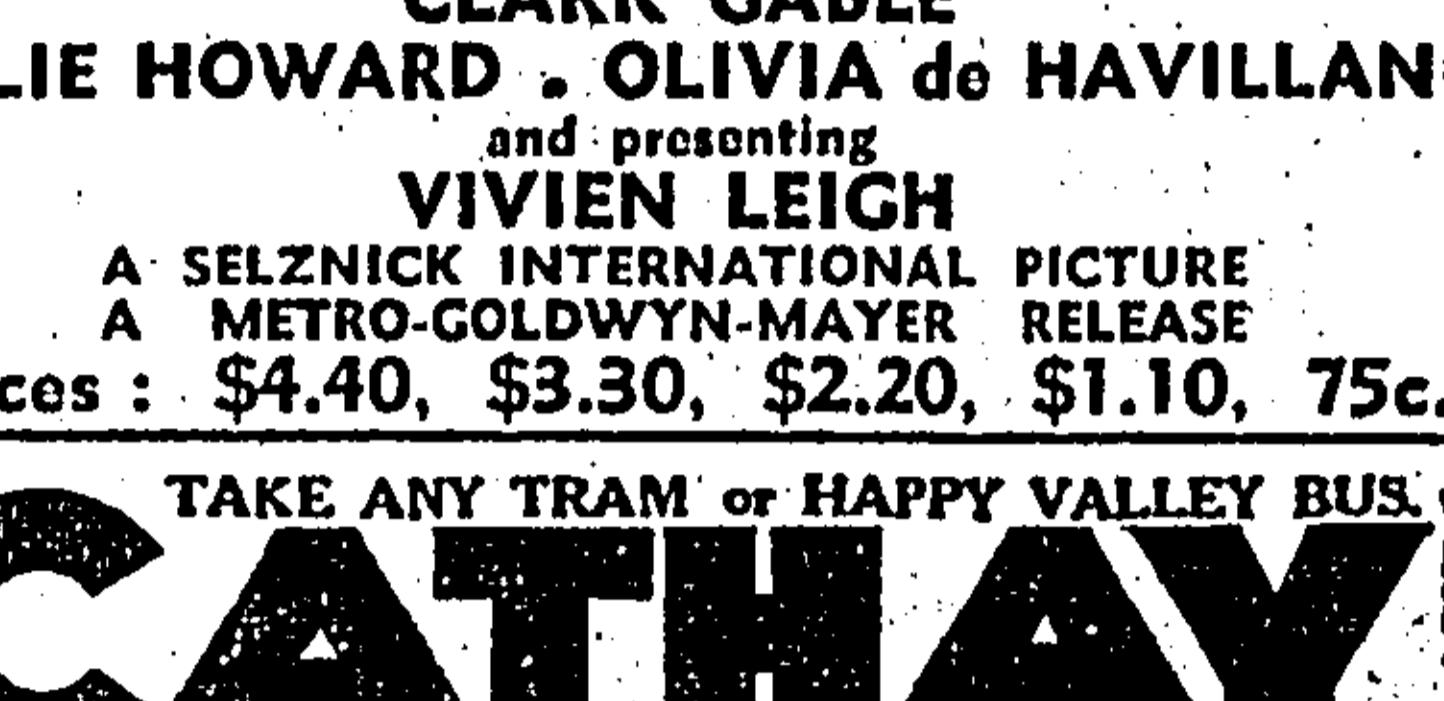
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Special to the "Telegraph"

From "United Press" Correspondents

ACCORDING TO A GREEK RADIO REPORT PICKED UP AT BUCHAREST, TWO ITALIAN COMPANIES FELL INTO A GREEK AMBUSH ON THE FLORINA FRONT ON WEDNESDAY WHEN MANY WERE KILLED BY THE ENFILADING GREEK MACHINE-GUNS, WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE INVADERS FLED.

GREEK BOMBERS IN ACTION

Harass Italian Forces

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (UP).—Italian planes bombed Patras again to-day and also Navapakto on the north shore of the Gulf of Corinth where they killed a woman and eight men, and destroyed a schoolhouse.

Meanwhile informed military quarters believe that Janina is the chief objective of the Italians but they deny the Italian claims to a big push in the Florina sector, which they say is "still comparatively quiet."

Warlike Acts By America Alleged

Remarkable Despatch To Tokyo Paper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A remarkable despatch from Shanghai to the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" in Tokyo, quoted by "Domei" says that the United States is preparing for war against Japan.

The despatch contends that the United States is walking into the danger zone in the Far East as a result of Washington's "policy of bluff."

The article boldly asserts that American political, diplomatic, military and economic measures adopted in the Far East "have passed the stage of intimidation, rushing straight towards war."

Complete Embargo Envisaged

The despatch supports this by quoting the evacuation of American residents from the Orient, which can be interpreted as a prelude to the imposition of a complete trade embargo against Japan; evacuation preparations by the 4th Regiment of the United States Marines stationed in Shanghai, who are simultaneously undergoing extensive training; the recent \$25,000,000 loan to Chungking; the creation of advance base facilities for an attack against Japan from Manila, where large quantities of armaments consigned to Chungking are held up.

It is alleged in the despatch that between 150 and 170 Boeing bombers are now in Manila and the craft are capable of carrying out raids on Tokyo from the Philippines, while pursuit planes are being sent from the United States to the Philippines.

K. P. CHEN AT LASHIO

CHUNGKING, Nov. 1 (Central News).—Mr. K. P. Chen, Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission, arrived at Lashio on October 27. He is expected to spend some time there before proceeding to an untraveled destination.

Mr. Chen, a well-known Shanghai banker, who headed the Chinese Economic Commission to the United States, returned to China recently from America where he spent nearly two years.

It was also announced that Greek warships on Wednesday bombarded the foremost Italian positions on the Albanian mainland opposite the city of Corfu.

It is stated that British planes carried out reconnaissance flights over the Greek and Italian coasts near Corfu, during which time they brought down an Italian plane.

ITALIAN ADVANCE VERY SLOW

The Greek radio has announced that the first batch of Italian prisoners, numbering 50, arrived on Thursday at Salonika.

Reports reaching diplomatic quarters in Washington from Greece declare that the Italian advance is very slow and has not exceeded seven miles in any direction up to Thursday morning.

It is also averred that Britain has so far not landed troops in large numbers in Greece proper, although Greece has been receiving abundant supplies of British munitions.

A spokesman of the Greek Foreign Office in Athens yesterday told the "United Press" that the overseas reports of peace talks between Greece and Italy are absurd because all of the Greek frontier lines are holding out, while Britain is giving all aid possible.

This statement is interpreted as indicating that Greece will continue the war despite reports in the Balkan capitals that peace is imminent unless British and Turkish aid is forthcoming.

Athens reports that low clouds and driving rain have quietened down fighting along the entire Italo-Greek front. Aviation is inactive.

Italian Plane Ambushed

Two Greek fighter planes ambushed an Italian seaplane between Peloponese and Attica.

According to the Greek radio one Italian army corps has penetrated Greek territory, but is meeting with strong resistance and was immediately repulsed yesterday.

The Greeks also routed two Italian companies who abandoned their guns and equipment.

WILHELMSTRASSE CHANGES VIEWS

An Italo-Greek War

BASLE, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Bauer Nachrichten."

It is suggested that the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is emphasized, seeing that the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain. Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of extension the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.

Spaniards Decorated For Saving Britons

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The King has awarded silver medals for gallantry and humanity to Jose Otero Ciaramo and Juan Mascato Padin, members of the crew of the Spanish fishing vessel Moco, who showed the greatest disregard for personal safety in rescuing survivors from the oil tanker Telena after it had been attacked and set on fire by an enemy submarine near the Spanish coast last May.

The engagement which began at 7 a.m. and lasted one hour was watched by a large crowd gathered at Corfu.

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There was no sign of Italian warships or planes while the shelling proceeded and there is no news of any Anglo-Italian naval battle.

British Pilots Batter Sea Ports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).—To-day's Air Ministry communiqué says that yesterday, bombs were dropped on Cherbourg harbour, and last night on the docks at Hamburg, Flushing and the naval base at Emden.

Raids On Ostend

The Air Ministry also announced: "A small force of coastal command Blenheim planes last night struck at targets in Ostend Harbour."

"Our bombers scored direct hits freely on the quays and shipping berths. The crews could see debris thrown high in the air."

Incendiaries Do Damage

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped last night on the German-occupied ports of Flushing, Antwerp and Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began early in the evening and lasted just over an hour. Several sticks of bombs were dropped on Walcheren Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and though cloud and haze made it difficult to see the full results of the bombing, one huge fire started between two docks was visible from 50 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area.

At Emden, bursts were observed on a quay and in the harbour; one very bright fire was started, while other fires were seen to spread rapidly.

One aircraft attacked a nearby

ICHANG TO BE EVACUATED?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31 (UP).—Banking circles have reported that large fires are raging in Ichang, indicating a possible Japanese evacuation.

The Chinese military spokesman, however, said that he had no information on the subject at the present.

28 Missing From Sunk French Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Admiralty has listed 28 missing and 16 rescued from the commandered French steamer St. Malo which was sunk by enemy action last Saturday on the high seas.

Berlin Claim

BERLIN, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the British merchant vessel Starstone, 5,700 tons has been sunk west of Ireland by heavy calibre bombs.

Nehru Arrested

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian leader one of the two men chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad to-night, according to the Delhi radio.

Another Mouth For Goebels To Feed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Frau Goebels presented her husband with their seventh child—a daughter to-day, says a Berlin report.

LATEST

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R.A.F. DID THIS IN GERMANY



Proving that the Air Ministry's claims regarding R.A.F. attacks on German cities are not wild imaginings, this picture taken by an American agency shows Nazi firemen trying to fight the flames in a huge timber yard set ablaze by British incendiary bombs in a recent raid on a north German town.

BIG U.S. GAINS IN TRADE WITH CHINA

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Department of Commerce report to-day revealed large gains in United States trade with China and a large favourable balance accruing to China for the first nine months of this year, despite the Sino-Japanese war.

Trade in both directions was greater than during the nine months of the last normal year, namely 1936.

Imports from China this year valued at \$70,472,000 rose 74 per cent over the same period last year and 10 per cent over 1936.

Exports to China, valued at \$62,250,000, rose about 80 per cent over the same period last year and almost 80 per cent over 1936.

China's Favourable Balance

Experts said Chinese raw silk and tung oil shipments to the United States being larger, and prices being higher, accounted for most of the increase. China imported United States raw cotton and tobacco.

Meanwhile United States exports to Japan for the first nine months of this year totalled \$165,000,000 as compared with imports from Japan, totalling \$104,000,000, giving Japan an unfavourable trade balance of over \$60,000,000. In the same period last year exports to Japan totalled \$185,000,000 and imports \$102,000,000.

Nine months exports to the Philippines this year were valued at \$73,705,000 against \$68,735,000 for the same period last year.

Imports from the Philippines totalled \$88,439,000 against \$73,186,000 last year.

Black Sea Interests At Stake

No Soviet Promise To Turks

ATHENS, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles are ridiculous here.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

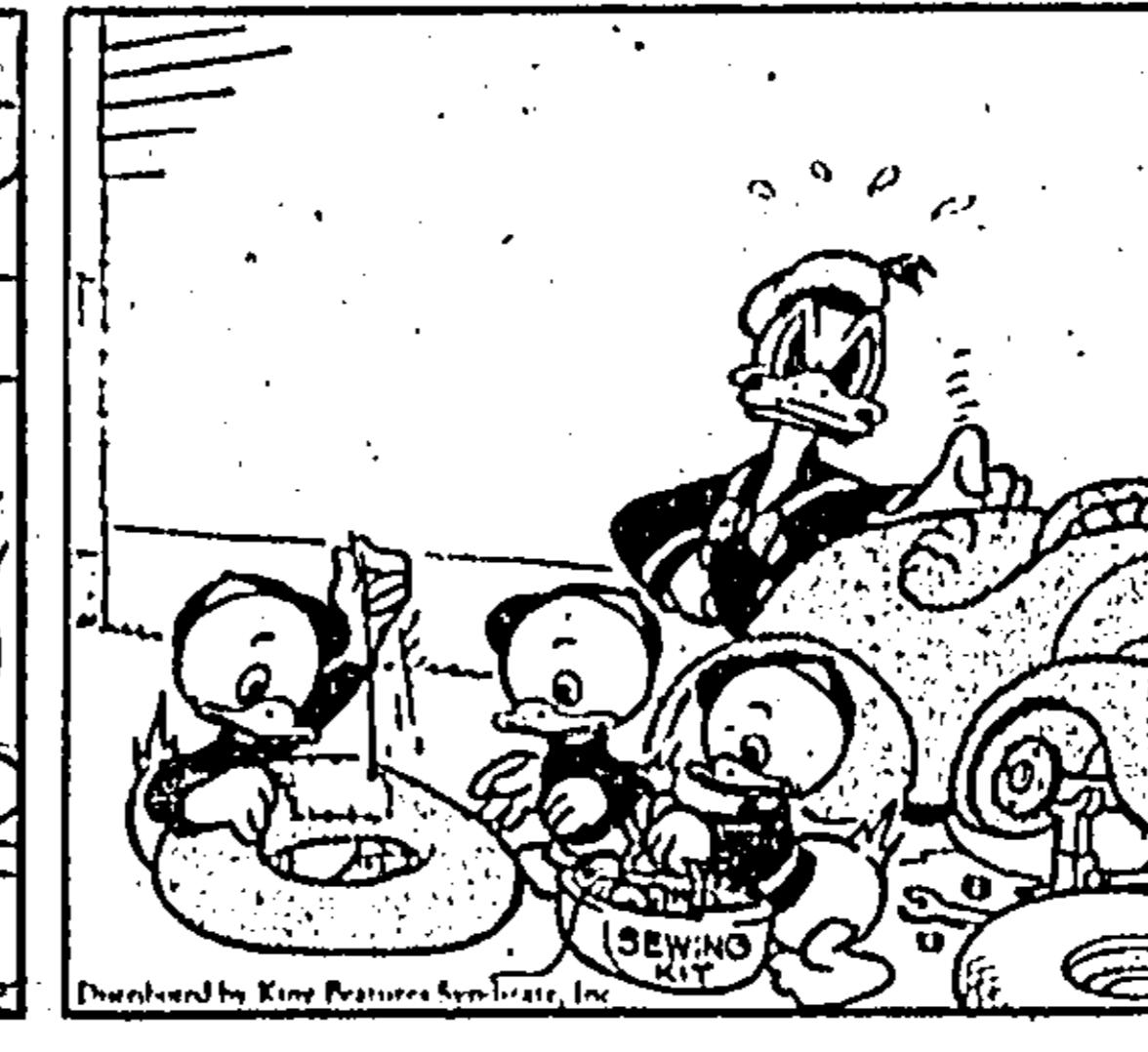
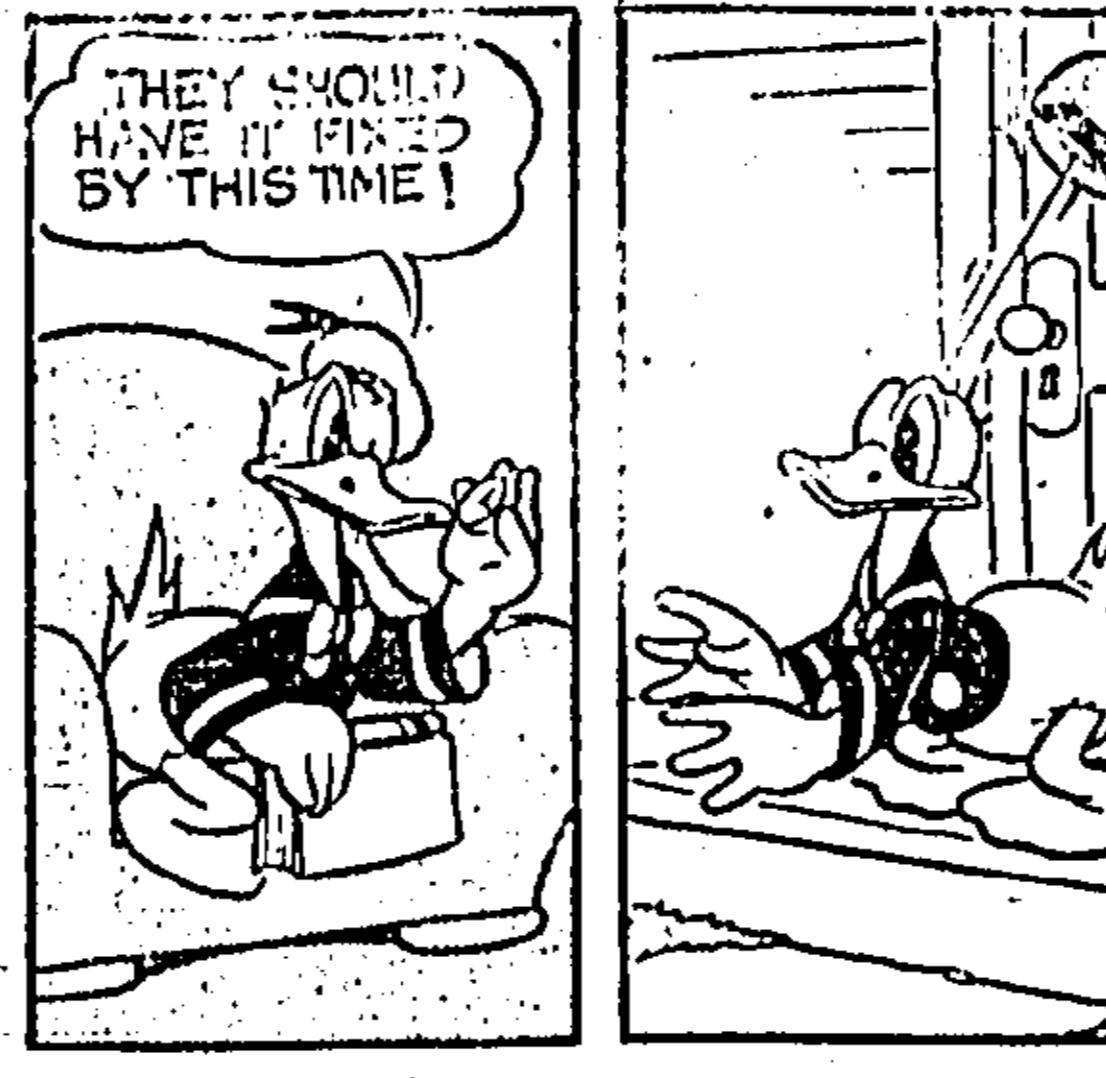
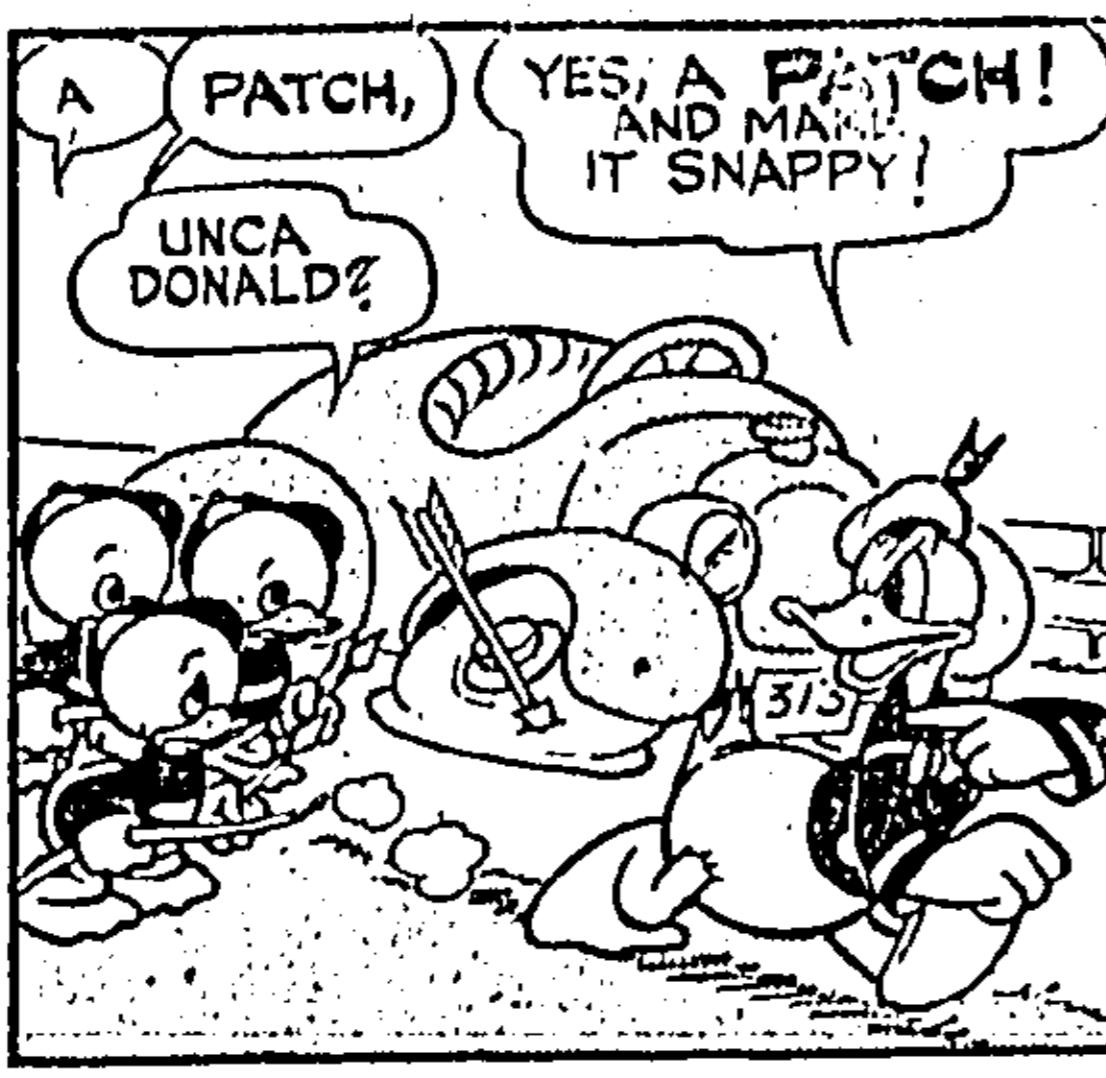
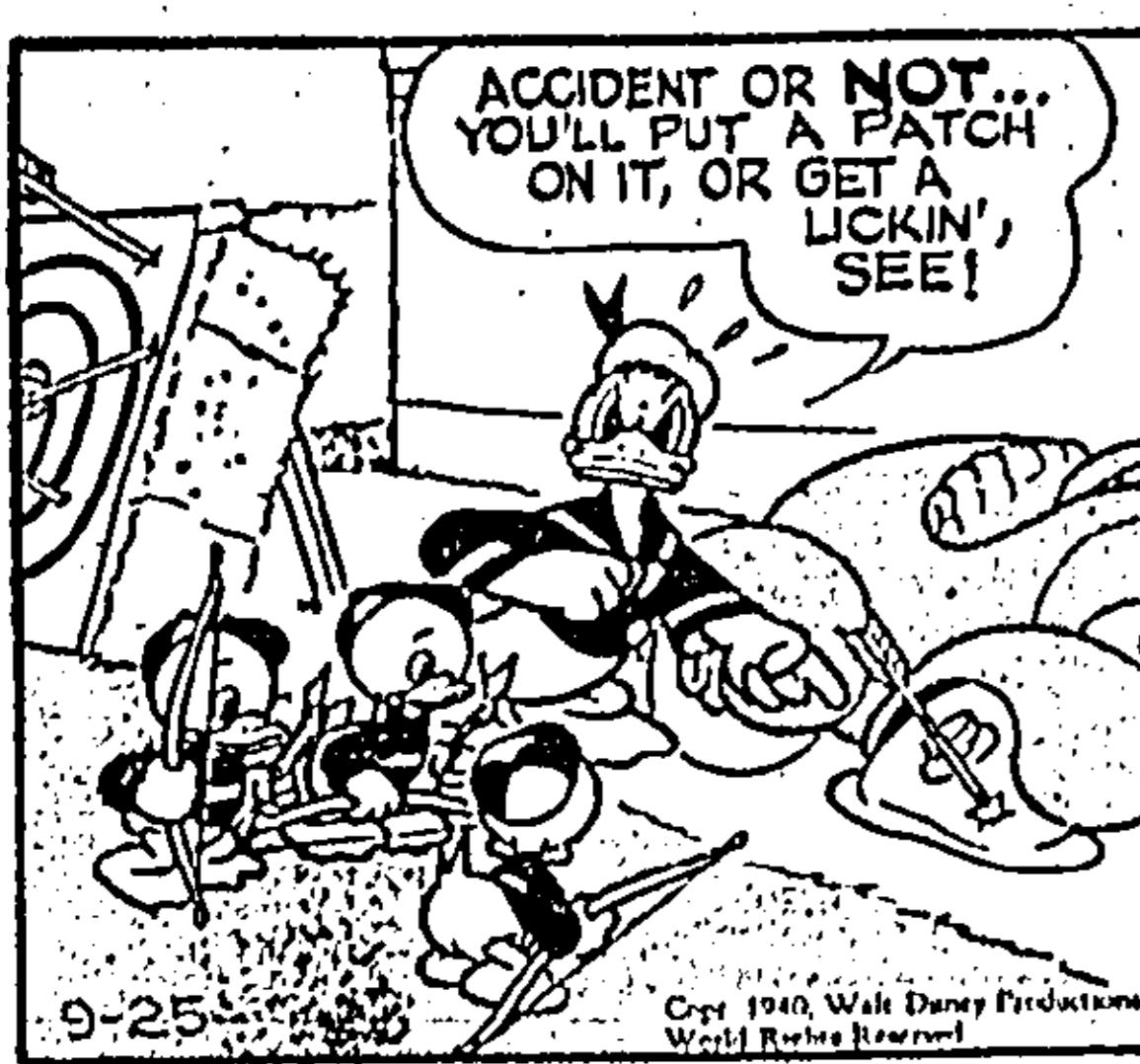
According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.

Police Serve Notices On H.K. Evacuees

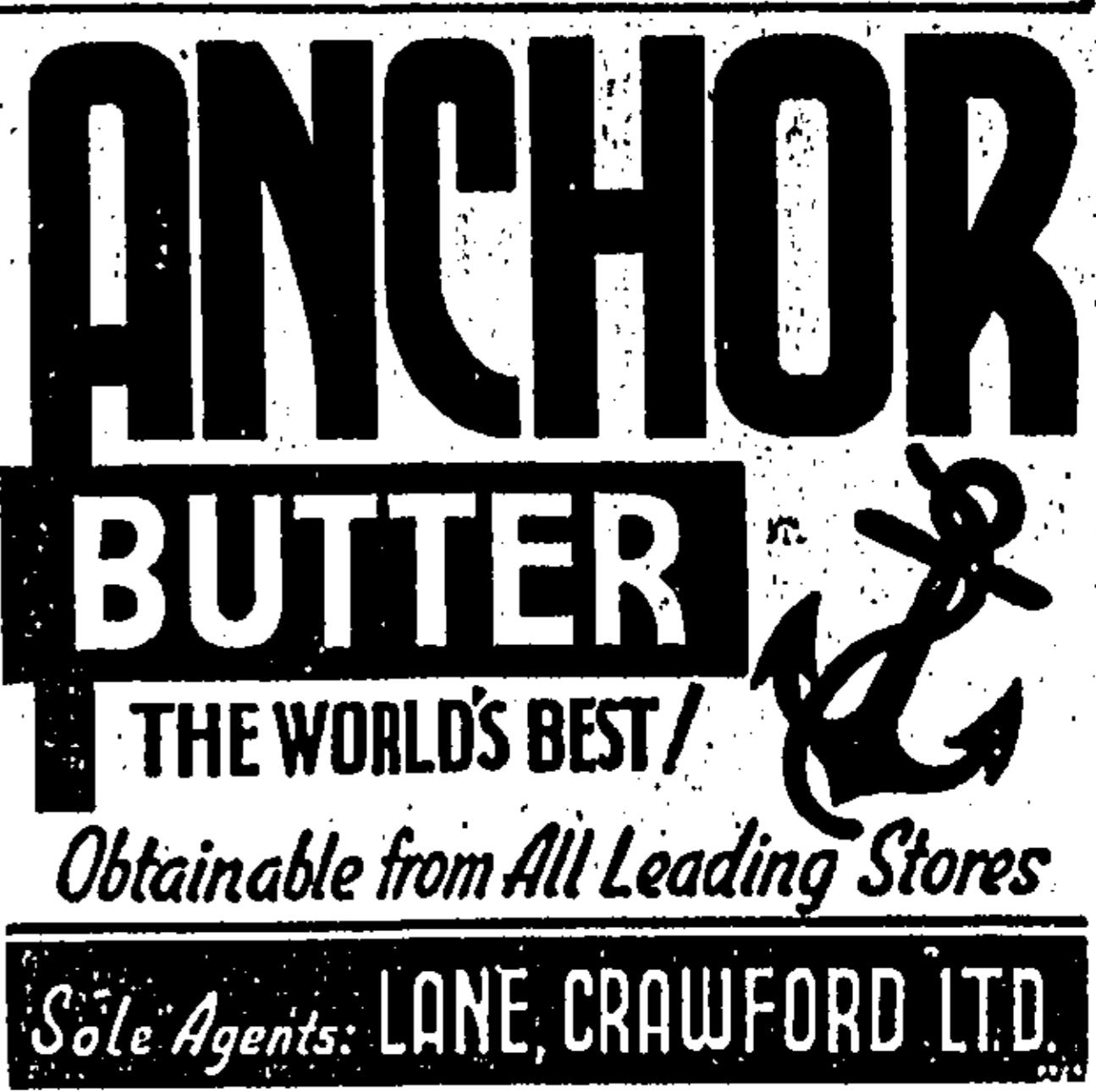
As a follow-up to recent notification that an evacuee steamer would leave in the second week of November, on which fifty berths had been reserved and which it is understood is bound for Australia, the Police Authorities have served orders on the women affected, notifying them that they must leave the Colony in the near future.

A European Police officer went round yesterday evening with the notices, and served them personally. The notices in each case contain a reminder that failure to comply with the order will entail a penalty, which it is pointed out can be as high as \$1,000, or imprisonment.

DONALD DUCK



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AIRMEN ACT AS TARGETS

By JOHN CASHEL

SIXPENCE a day to be bombed! Don't laugh. That really happens.

I have just been talking to Three Men in a Yellow Boat who offer themselves as human targets though, their lives being precious, a substantial slab of protective armour is placed between them and the rain of high explosive.

They are one of many trios of brave men of Britain's Royal Air Force who speed over the coastal ranges round our shores in armoured boats so that our bombers can learn and perfect their aim by practising the real thing.

The aimers drop live explosives weighing about eleven pounds each, large enough when they find their elusive mark to dent the three and a half tons of armour protecting the little target boat and to give the three men inside it an unpleasant shake-up.

They wear crash-helmets and ear-protectors, and the armour covers the wheelhouse, engine-room and hull of their craft. The rest is packed with a buoyant material to prevent it from being sunk by a good hit.

THE boat is painted yellow—the R.A.F.'s colour to distinguish training aircraft and this colouring also helps to show up the tiny target boats to the bombers as they will have nothing so small to attack in the shape of enemy objectives.

The target boats flash along at 20 knots, turning, zig-zagging, dodging the practice bombers. A hit sometimes capsizes them. The three men, good swimmers and specially trained for the job, dive clear, right their boat if it does not automatically right itself, clamber in again, ready for the next fall of bombs.

Nothing extraordinary for them. Just routine heroes!

THEIR captain is a corporal earning 7s. 9d. a day. The other two are leading airmen, pay 5s. 9d., or possibly one is an aircraftman, pay 4s. 6d.

Each receives an extra sixpence a day when at sea. Another sixpence beyond that when they are bombed, proud to be chosen for the privilege of earning that last sixpence.

They are one section of the little-known sea-arm of the flying men, the R.A.F.'s Own Navy, operated by Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill's Coastal Command.

Day and night, at the command's sea stations around Britain's 4,000 miles of coastline, the Airmen's Fleet never stops working.

fueller is quickly at their side, doing the job.

Something else is there, too. A flat-bottomed steel shell, known as a bomb-scow. The flying-boat, if the hunting has been good, needs a fresh load of bombs as well as petrol.

They want the bombs, the bomb-scow has them. They are soon hoist aboard. No waiting. The flying-boat is not allowed for one moment to sit "empty."

Sometimes the bombers practise far out at sea. When they do that the R.A.F. has steam-driven trawler and drifter auxiliaries to retrieve any torpedoes used.

Even these auxiliaries do not exhaust the variety of this diverse Fleet. There are the mooring boats, with an immense task to fulfil. All round the coasts are the mooring sites for flying-boats.

Day and night they must be kept in perfect order. Round and round, doing the job, go the mooring boats, supplementing the work of the land mooring staffs.

Fast dinghies provide communication between shore and aircraft at every sea station of Coastal Command, which ever has its own floating dock.

Broadly speaking, every high-speed launch that puts to sea on its mission of mercy, every major movement of this motley fleet, is like all coastal flying operations, directed over the wireless and other inter-communication lines from the G.H.Q.'s Ops. Room, the Brain-Box of C.C.

And the brain inside the box—Bowhill—does he see much?" answered one of his staff, "Why he lives there!"

THERE'S another different craft—a seaplane tender or crashboat. It's speeding towards a plane that has been forced down at practice. Always during practice a crashboat is standing by ready to give aid in emergency.

And what's that? A flying-boat refueller moving off to the anchorage of half a dozen flying-boats.

They're just back from patrol, the Eyes Over the Sea, after keeping ceaseless vigil on all Hitler is doing at the occupied ports from Norway's Bergen to France's Bordeaux, on whatever Nazi ship puts its nose into the North Sea or the Channel, on enemy planes that set out to reconnoitre or raid Britain.

The flying-boat patrols are our first line of defence. They must be replaced immediately they come back, ready for instant action again. The re-

Willkie's Boast Of War Aid For Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 31 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, asserted this evening that he could gear up production in the United States for aeroplanes and other munitions to aid Britain, much better than could Mr. Roosevelt.

He addressed 10,000 people in the centre of the city.

Referring to Mr. Willkie's speech at Boston last night, Mr. Willkie added: "As President I will not help to mechanise the Red Army so that it can carry out its purposes. We shall feel well content to mechanise the army of the British."

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war.

Close Election

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (UP).—The magazine "News Week," in a poll of fifty outstanding political writers, found 27 forecasting President Roosevelt's re-election, 22 forecasting Mr. Wendell Willkie's and one undecided. All the writers agreed that the election will be the closest since 1916. In a poll made by New York on September 23, a total of 34 writers predicted that Mr. Roosevelt would win and 10 were in favour of Willkie.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"Call up the broadcasting company and tell that woman her slip's showing!"

U.S. Planes To Speed British Victory

Producers' Great Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost \$2,000,000,000, is stated by independent sources to cover the 12,000 planes asked for by Britain.

It is believed that the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble the parts manufactured in motor car factories. Whether these will be operated by the Government or by the aircraft or motor car industry is not yet decided.

1,300 Planes A Month

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The United States is at present sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it is estimated, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be readily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston last night to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago when they inquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Two Bottlenecks

Investigations have shown that this is hardly feasible and that it would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories. Estimates were given for the production of about 1,300 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes, including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when the output of 1,300 planes a month can be reached since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely, in production of machine tools and aero-engines, but informed American sources express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.

Third Plan

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are (1) 35,000 planes for the United States army, already mostly contracted; (2) the original British programme for 14,000 planes; (3) the new British order for 12,000 planes.

MILITARY MEN OF MOMENT

(By "REUTER'S" MILITARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Oct. 31. Sir Archibald Willcocks has received a valuable reinforcement in the person of Major-General A. G. Cunningham, who is going to Kenya to take over command of troops in East Africa.

He is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who commands the Mediterranean Fleet and shares his qualities of tenacity and pluck. Recently Major-General Cunningham has been closely associated with the anti-aircraft defences of Britain and has been a big influence in their practical development. He has an engaging personality and will be popular with the South African troops in Kenya. He is also a "live wire."

Maj.-Gen. Fuller

Another military figure who has come to the forefront of late is Major-General Fuller, known to his friends as "Boney" when on active service because of his remarkable resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte. He is also a man of ideas whose writings have commanded a wide public.

He considered that the army's basic needs were tanks and yet more tanks, a policy which 18 years ago was unpopular and led to such acid controversy that Fuller was branded by the conventional as an extremist. Nevertheless in 1923 a permanent Tank Corps was created, largely as a result of Fuller's efforts, and this grew in experience until it was embodied in the Royal Armoured Corps which now consists of mechanised cavalry tanks.

Fuller was not able to serve with the creation of his brain. He retired many years before it matured to devote himself to writing and the study of military history.

Now once again his audacious ideas are creating widespread interest.

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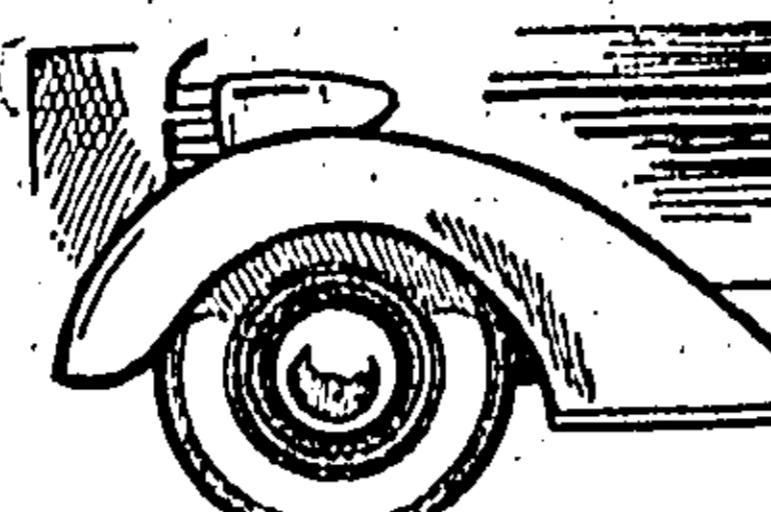
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BRUTAL ACT

THE heartless cynic will remark that the shooting down of a defenceless C.N.A.C. passenger plane by Japanese war machines, resulting in the death of nine people, including the American pilot, Mr. W. C. Kent, is just part of the fortunes of war—a cynicism which is given additional sting by the fact that it constitutes but one of many barbarous acts connected with a war which, according to international law, does not exist!

Technically speaking there is little or no difference between deliberately shooting down an unarmed plane loaded with civilians and just as deliberately bombing civilian populations; the point is, both are horrible acts, without justification.

An expression of regret from Tokyo would not have been out of place. The more charitably minded would like to think that the act was that of an irresponsible squadron leader with his senses temporarily blinded by the lust of war; but Tokyo has displayed complete indifference, while the Japanese news agencies did not even report the occurrence; this suggests official connivance in brutality, and the attitude calls for condemnation.

The affair is not only a tragedy; it is another tragic blunder on the part of the Japanese militarists, for its only effect is further to alienate world opinion and to make China more and more determined to fight to the end.

WOMEN'S DEFIA

IT is commonly said that to be sure of success a great cause must have the devoted support of the women of a nation. There can be no doubt of where and how the women of the British Commonwealth stand in this struggle to preserve liberty, dignity, and honour. They know that this is peculiarly a woman's cause, and that if it is lost everything for which they have fought for generations will vanish. That is why every plan to help the war in which women have been specially enlisted has been carried through with such energy.

These contributions to the war spirit pass through various stages

WILL EUROPE STARVE?

On Hitler Rests The Legal and Moral Responsibility

It is not until we turn to the last important group of foodstuffs, the edible oils and fats, that we find a marked deficiency. Before the war the Continent produced olives and oil seeds and nuts sufficient to supply just over a third of its total consumption of vegetable oils; and if whale oil, supplied from the Arctic, and used for the same purpose as the vegetable oils, is added to the imports, the proportion falls to under a third.

This is true of grains, on which the fight for self-sufficiency in Germany, permits, while trade with non-European countries, provided the blockade is reasonably effective, will be difficult or impossible. Perhaps the most important effects of this change, from the military point of view, are to be found on the side of raw materials.

Germany is now assured of adequate supplies of iron and bauxite, but her supplies of many other vital materials—oil, coal, textiles, rubber, and certain minerals—have been substantially increased, while the demands on them have become much greater. But the most dramatic problem which arises concerns the Continent's supplies of food. Is it true, as we have been told by certain people on both sides of the Atlantic, that Europe faces starvation?

A definite and certain answer is not possible for a number of reasons. One does not know just how effective the blockade will be; how much food will be sold to Germany by Russia; how much the remaining independent countries will be permitted to import. Nor can one make accurate estimates of Continental stocks, or of recent or future production.

The statistics are reasonably complete to the end of 1938; they must be supplemented by incomplete figures for 1939, estimates for 1940, and guesses for 1941 and subsequent years. Nevertheless, a careful study of production, and trends to the end of 1938, modified to take into account the factors which have been operating since that time, does give us an idea, probably not wildly inaccurate, of the Continent's prospects of feeding itself. For the purposes of this study the Continent is taken to include all European countries with the exception of U.S.S.R., Turkey, and the British Isles.

Exaggeration

Stated baldly, the principal conclusion is that the danger of general starvation on the Continent has been grossly exaggerated; but it is necessary to distinguish between short-run prospects during the coming winter and the longer run. In the longer run, during the next few years, Continental production can reasonably be expected to approximate to normal consumption. There will be no surplus to be wasted or diverted to munitions industries. Careful planning of consumption and distribution will be required, in

the first is that of the natural fear and hatred of war. Then comes the protective, when the first care is for the lives and comfort of their menfolk exposed to the dangers of war. There may be other stages, not so clearly marked, but there is one stage which is peculiar to this war. Women themselves and their children are flung into the firing line, subjected to alarms and death. In its most forbidding aspects. And their passion of anger and hatred is concentrated upon one man—and who can hate like a woman roused?

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The position in fertilizers is sound. Since 1934 the manufacture of synthetic nitrates has made the Continent practically self-sufficient in nitrogen fertilizers, which are the most important. There is a surplus of potash fertilizers, and a 30 per cent deficiency in phosphates can probably be made good, in part at least, by the normal imports from the U.S.S.R. and French North Africa.

Grain Stocks

What has been said so far relates to more or less normal conditions, to the sort of conditions which might be expected in 1941 or 1942. The position this winter is complicated by the fact that the 1940 crop is well below normal in most parts of the Continent, due to the severe winter and late spring. Labour shortages and some destruction by fighting. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates the 1940 wheat crop at 34,000,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent. of normal consumption, and while no estimates of other crops are available, it is probable that they are down in something like the same proportion.

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The subject of oils and fats is one of the greatest complexity, and it is difficult to estimate how serious this deficiency in the Continental diet would be. The chief edible products made from vegetable and marine oils are margarine, compound lard, and table oils. They and animal fats are also extensively used in industry, chiefly in making soap, but also as lubricants and in the manufacture of explosives.

Winter

Conditions

The deficiency is much less important than it seems at first sight for two reasons. The first is that the Continent has always relied chiefly on fats of animal origin. If we add

estimates of the production and trade in butter, lard, and suet to the

figures for vegetable and marine oils

the percentage produced at home

ranges from about 30 per cent. to over

60 per cent. The second reason is

that, above a certain minimum, fats

are not an essential item of diet.

That minimum is fully supplied from animal sources—from meat, milk, and cheese, as well as from the more or

less pure animal fats included in the

above computation.

Probably not more than 6 or 7 per cent. of the total calories consumed on the Continent are provided from vegetable or whale oils; which means that the loss of two-thirds of their supply, while it will cause some privation, cannot in itself cause famine.

The maintenance in future years of supplies of meat, animal products, and to less extent grains, depends upon adequate supplies of fodder and fertilizers. Before the war the deficiency in fodder supplies was met by the import of maize, barley, oats, and seeds for the manufacture of oil cake. The total deficiency in feed grains and cake, however, was only of the order of 10 or 15 per cent., and the position is really better than this, since large quantities of home-produced grasses, legumes, and potatoes are used as feed. There has been some slaughtering of animals already, and there will have to be more—but most Continental animals can normally be fed from domestic production.

Grain consumption could certainly be maintained at 90 per cent. of normal during 1940-41, while leaving a carry-over to meet a future emergency. Stocks, like crops, are not evenly distributed. Most were accumulated or have now been seized by Germany. Almost all are now under her control. If she does not use them where they are required the result will be local famines.

That is the crux of the matter. The fact that there is enough food produced or stored on the Continent to meet subsistence needs, this winter and in the future, does not mean that nobody will starve. Yet

means that nobody need starve, that deficiencies in some regions can be offset by surpluses or stocks elsewhere. There will be shortages in the Low Countries, Poland, Norway, and parts of France. Whether or not they are made good depends upon the decision of the Reich.

The legal and moral responsibility rests with Hitler, as Professor Goodhart demonstrated recently, but he may refuse to assume it, as an old man to his anti-British propaganda, in the hope of embittering Anglo-American relations, or simply because he does not want to use up German reserves for this purpose. If he does adopt this policy, and local faming results, it is important that the world should know that German boasts of ample food supplies, while not literally true, are true enough to enable Germany to sustain the peoples she has conquered.

A. J. McWHINNIE

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Away on the loneliest ocean patrols in the world—the Arctic and the North and South Atlantic—they sigh for a sudden decision by Hitler to try to sneak his bottled-up ships out of safe harbours. They yearn for

Month after month they have been hoping the enemy would show up. Month after month they have been disappointed. But they sail on, peering through the icy darkness of Northern nights... watching and hoping.

Where they played deck games a year ago, the Navy's big guns are manned to-day.

Where the strains of foxtrots and rumbas used to float through the ship, you can now hear only an odd mouth-organ shunt from a sailor off watch.

I went on board that armed merchant cruiser expecting thrilling tales of roaring guns—icebergs—daredevil flights at sea. But all the blockade boys wanted to talk about was how YOU at home were standing up to your encounter with the enemy.

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There was an income tax collector among them. There were boys straight from the Universities. There were others whose short jobs weren't much good, anyway. A mixed complement.

But they've pulled together with the same ideals. They share the same disappointment because the guns are silent.

They know that successful blockading was always the same.

Jellicoe's Pride

Collingwood had to face up to the tedium aboard ship when there was no possibility of battle. Didn't he say nearly 150 years ago that his wife were forever at work "to keep my people employed both for health's sake and to save them from misfortune"?

And didn't Jellicoe, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet from 1914 to 1916, show that he appreciated the kind of boredom you get in a warship which can't find a fight?

"I feel," he said, "prouder with every day that passes that I command such men, and during the period of waiting and watching they are cheerful and contented, in spite of the grey dullness of their lives."

The destroyer boys in the Channel are getting their thrills. Very soon they expect more to come.

Whenever the Italian fleet pokes its nose out of safety, the Navy in the Mediterranean has a bit of excitement, too.

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Navy has that same pride in you

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WOULD DEMAND ABDICATION OF KING

Italian quarters have declined to discuss the reported armistice between Italy and Greece, declaring that the Italian occupation will continue whether or not it is resisted. It is emphasised among most quarters here that the Italians will only consider overtures envisaging the abdication of the present King of Greece and the capitulation of General Metaxas and his followers.

Reports from Ohrid state that the Italians at dawn to-day occupied the small Greek village of Kastanani several metres to the south of Konispoli and that they also attacked the Greek town of Melisopetra on the main road to Janina where they were repulsed by the Greeks.

Bad Weather

Bad weather along the whole battle line is reported to have hampered operations through the night. At dawn heavy cannonading was audible on the Yugo-Slavian border from the direction of the Albanian village of Billista near Prespa.

It was reported that at about 6 a.m. Italian troops from the Albanian town of Mesarli crossed the frontier and followed the main road to Janina. They attacked a bridge across the River Vjosa but were halted by Greek artillery and repulsed after an hour's fighting. Seventeen Italians were killed and forty wounded, while four Greeks were seriously wounded.

The main concentration of Italian troops on the Greek frontier are said to be at Mesarli, according to the reports from Ohrid.

Five-Mile Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The Italians are reported to have advanced five miles along the Delvin-Janina road despite strong Greek resistance, says a "United Press" message from Ohrid. The Rome newspaper assert that the Italian advance is proceeding steadily, although they confess the Greeks are offering stiff resistance, especially with their artillery.

It has rained continuously for 48 hours in the fighting zones which have been transformed into a vast swamp-land with bleak mountains for a background.



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According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 2-24, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States have attacked the foot, usually the disease starts between 15 to 25 years of age.

Usually the disease starts between 15 to 25 years of age, when the lichen becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch on all the skin.

Beware of It Spreading

The disease travels all over the body and the feet. The soles of the feet are often attacked and the fingers, toes, hands, arms, neck, chest, and the scalp. The disease starts with a small crack and the skin becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of this disease as soon as possible, because it is contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crook of the knee.

Most people who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies to cure it without success.

Ordinary remedies, salve or ointments, will not do any good.

Here's How to Treat It:

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Itching Stops Immediately

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The main concentration of Italian troops on the Greek frontier are said to be at Mesarli, according to the reports from Ohrid.

Five-Mile Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The Italians are reported to have advanced five miles along the Delvin-Janina road despite strong Greek resistance, says a "United Press" message from Ohrid. The Rome newspaper assert that the Italian advance is proceeding steadily, although they confess the Greeks are offering stiff resistance, especially with their artillery.

It has rained continuously for 48 hours in the fighting zones which have been transformed into a vast swamp-land with bleak mountains for a background.

Smash Italians Now Says Lord Chatfield

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LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who was formerly Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, thinks that Britain should

strike violent blows against Italian forces in the Mediterranean able to contain the Italian Fleet, to hold the Straits of Gibraltar and to protect the Suez Canal.

In invading Greece through Albania, Italy can maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic which is not an easy sea for the British Navy, but there are

other possibilities of night action, and if Italy plans to extend her operations to the Greek Islands the British Fleet should be given an opportunity that it has waited for.

Laws of strategy dictate that one must strike the enemy's weak spot with the utmost force. Italy is the Axis weak spot and those sea and air forces that can be spared from the defence of Britain against Germany should enable us to strike violent blows against Italy now.

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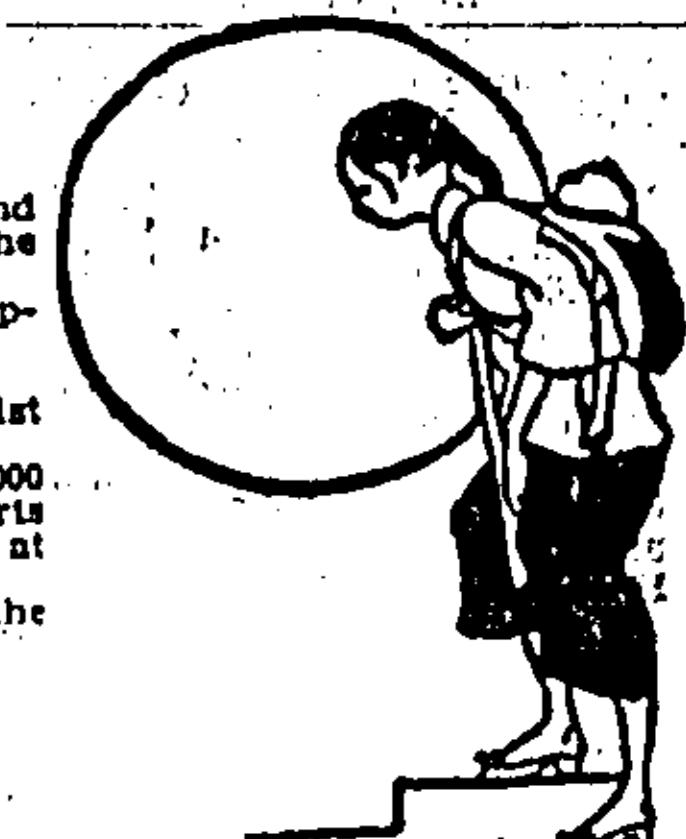
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

LAST CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

Fremantle St. Leger Attracts Only Nine Nominations SAPPER'S PROSPECTS BRIGHT

THE LAST CLASSIC event for Australian subscription ponies of this season will be contested at Happy Valley to-morrow, but the Fremantle St. Leger has not been able to attract more than nine nominations. There are, in addition, seven handicap contests; the best of which is, of course, the Essex Handicap for "A" class China ponies over the mile.

Punters will no doubt be pleased to know that the Queensland Handicap is an endurance test for "C" class Australian racers over two miles. The latter should be a quite interesting race owing to the fact that the jaunt has been lengthened from a sprint to a distance run.

We are all aware that the St. Leger is the oldest of the English classics, having been inaugurated in Doncaster over one and a half centuries ago, and the great endurance contest for three-year-old was suggested by and named after Lt.-General Anthony St. Leger.

It will be observed that the organizer of this classic was a "big soldier man" and it looks that Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, has every prospect of becoming the first

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 1.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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THE DAILY DOUBLE

Norfolk Handicap

Second Section

Dastardly Attempt To Cripple Race-Horse

MELBOURNE, Oct. 31 (Reuters).—An unsuccessful attempt was made to day to cripple Beau Vite, the favourite for the Melbourne Cup, Australia's premier turf event. The attackers bored small holes into the horse box and mistook Beau Vite's stablemate for the favourite. The horse was shot in the hind thigh and hock with an air gun.

Sussex Handicap

Second Section

Good Sprint Over Six Furlongs

HILLSBORO BAY holds the post of honour in the last event, the Sussex Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies, and we should see a good sprint over six furlongs.

The last named scored a notable success in the Kwangtung Handicap and I expect her to earn another bracket.

All the three ponies mentioned have equal chances, but the most dangerous is Lancashire Lass with Mr. Black in the saddle.

Strong opposition is sure to come from the low weighters of which Peaceful View may upset the applecart.

K.C.C. Intra-Club Bowls

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

Fremantle St. Leger

ANOTHER DUEL BETWEEN SAPPER AND FAR VIEW

SINCE THE INCEPTION of the Fremantle St. Leger in 1931, there have been only two uncertainties. Rosy Morn, the winner of 1933, paid \$114.50, while last year Baffin Bay by Copper Rivet delighted a few punters in the know with a handsome dividend of \$410.30 for a win.

A repetition of the latter will not be possible, for to-morrow there are only two ponies in the big classic and it is going to be a family affair between Far View and Sapper—both descendants of Farr.

A fresh write up of the successes

of these two offsprings at the Annual Carnival and the subsequent extra meetings will take up too much space, and, furthermore, they are too well known among the men of the turf.

LAST MEETING

HOWEVER, the last outing of Far View and Sapper was in the Diamond Bay Handicap at the Double Tenth Meeting when the former snatched a victory by three parts of a length and it was, without prejudice, a lucky win.

My field-glass could not see the back stretch, but it appeared to me that when the pack raced up the hill, Sapper did not have a clear passage.

Rounding the bend for the home run, Mrs. Grasett's candidate flew past everyone, but it was too late to beat Far View on the post.

They will meet to-morrow on equal terms and the order of the finish should be Sapper, Far View and Australian Diamond.

For the last eight years the base weight has always been 140 lb, with 5 lb. penalty for a win and 10 lb. for two or more races, but to-morrow the weight is 140 lb, with the same conditions for winners.

The reduction of weights will undoubtedly enable the ponies to run faster, and I have reason to predict that the distance of 1½ miles will be covered inside three minutes ten seconds providing the going is good.

Sussex Handicap

First Section

GOOD FINISH EXPECTED

THE SUSSEX HANDICAP (first section) for "B" class China ponies should provide a good finish because there are a good few speedy mechanics, and the adjustment of the avoid-ups does not leave any loop-holes.

The sprint is over six furlongs and anything may happen. The most dangerous three are Blue Diamond, Conquering Time and Hopeful Star. Ronson is a good outsider.

CRAIGENGOWER C. C. ANNUAL MEETING

L. E. Lammert And R. Pestonji Elected Life Members

LIFE MEMBERSHIP was awarded two of the oldest members of the Craigengower Cricket Club at the Annual General Meeting yesterday, when the honour conferred on Mr. L. E. Lammert and Mr. R. Pestonji received the unanimous support of the meeting.

Mr. C. S. Rosselet took the chair in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury and was supported by Messrs. A. B. Hamson, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, H. W. Randall, L. C. R. Souza, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanji, Dr. C. W. Lam, A. E. Coates (Hon. Treasurer) and E. Zimmerman (Hon. Secretary).

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said the general financial position of the Club could be regarded as very sound. The profit was maintained and expenditure was down in all directions, the sports section it has been a highly important season.

JOINED IN 1894

THE MEETING unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammert and R. Pestonji be elected life members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammert recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was brought up at the extraordinary meeting. This motion was defeated in a tie. After an appeal by the Chairman, the meeting approved the increase.

VERY OPEN

HOWEVER, Eve of Harvest has also not been nominated for this mile run as the connections are revering the mare for the Hongkong Autumn Champions, and the absence of these two China steeds makes the Essex Handicap very open.

I think Distinctive Time, the winner of the Double Tenth Plate, is nicely weighted and, so is Dupont Bay, who annexed the Hongkong Griffins Cup. Confusion Bay is set to receive 3 lb. from Clever, the winner of St. George's Plate, but we cannot put much confidence in Mr. Bradbury's candidate due to the fact that the chestnut was on the walking list for a long time. Though he is looking extremely well, I think Clever is short of a gallop.

Craigavon was under a cloud after running third in the October Handicap and that was the reason for his non-appearance in the Double Tenth Plate. Mrs. Taggart's racer is now perfectly sound and I like him.

Queenscliff H'cap

AUSTRALIANS' ENDURANCE TEST OVER TWO MILES

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP for Australian ponies has undergone many changes since the introduction of this contest in 1931. For the first two years it was for ponies that had not won more than \$1,000 over six furlongs, but in 1934, ponies winning more than \$5,000 were barred. From 1935 to 1938 it was reserved for "A" class gee-gees over a short distance, but last year we saw the "C" class rates in the arena running from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 100 yards).

To-morrow the trip is an endurance test over two miles and Piccadilly Jim is at the top of the assessment with 157 lb. with a new racing colours to wear. Whether he will carry the silk to victory is another matter, but he certainly has a pull in the weights with Cheerful Star.

When they met in the Ballarat Handicap at the last meeting, Cheerful Star (the winner) was in receipt of eight pounds from Piccadilly Jim, whereas, to-morrow, the latter has to concede only two pounds for a beating of two lengths.

Cheerful Star by George Graves has not had more than four public appearances, but her success over the champion course seemed to be that of a slayer and the mare is my fancy.

Centre Court by Double Court astounded every critic when she romped home first in the Bondi Handicap over the Derby course at the Whitsun Meet, and the mare has the same weight to shoulder to-morrow. Centre Court is getting no younger and she will have to be at her best to turn the tables on Cheerful Star and Piccadilly Jim.

plays the goat at the gate, and one's money is safer in the pocket.

Strathcarrick and Surprise Again are new members of the "D" company, and I prefer the latter.

Quick Despatch will be ridden by Mr. Proulx, who is too well known as the star short distance jockey, and it is certainly a good bet to follow.

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Regular cricket articles by "Mr. Able" will be resumed as from Tuesday next.

A request is made to Secretaries of Cricket Clubs that they be good enough to supply copies of their fixture cards to c/o the "Hongkong Telegraph".

Club Rugger XV

The following will represent Club "A" at Rugby against Army "A" on the Police ground to-morrow afternoon at 3.15 p.m.:

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W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanji, L. E. Lammert, W. Q. Noddy, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Atienza, Convenors—Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard; Mr. W. O. Noddy; House Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Coates.

The following office-bearers were appointed:

President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosselet; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmerman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Lammert; Captain, Mr. A. E. Coates; Vice-Captain, L. C. R. Souza; Captain, G. Souza; Captain, XI. A. M. Omar; Vice-Captain, R. Iranee.

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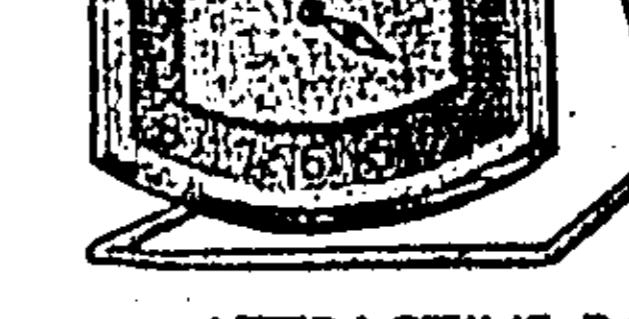
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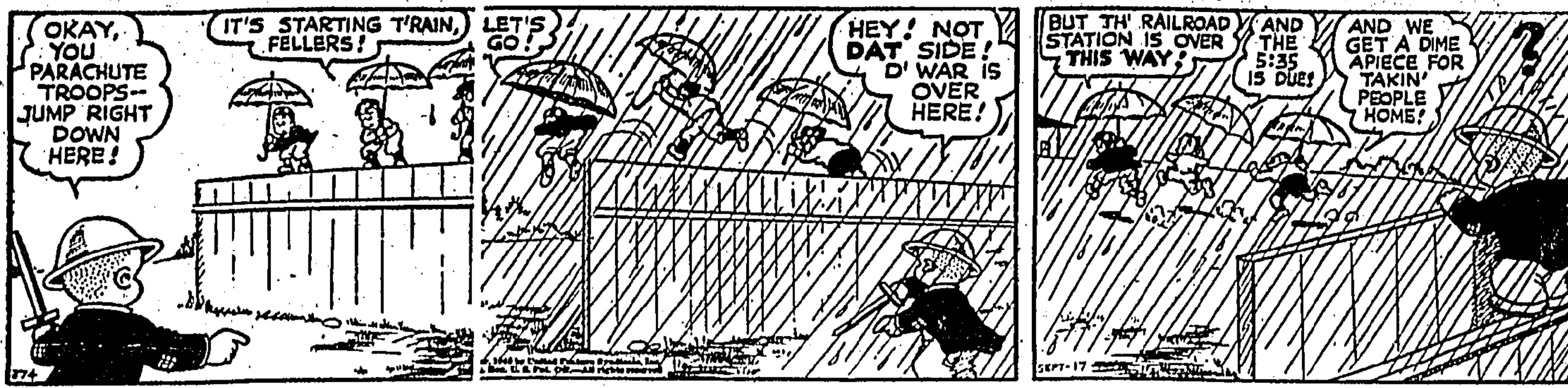
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FRANCE NOT TO FIGHT BRITAIN

M. Laval's Assurances
Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 31 (UP).—M. Pierre Laval to-day indicated that France would have no part in a war against Britain.

He stressed that collaboration with Germany would be colonial as well as economic, but he emphasised that "collaboration excludes all ideas of aggression."

The Vichy Foreign Minister stated this when he received the press at the Hotel Matignon in Paris to-night.

He warned his hearers that negotiations between France and Germany would be very difficult as long as military operations continued.

However, he declared that France was preparing a precise answer to the German questionnaire and hoped to be able to give an answer soon.

Florence Meeting

ZURICH, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Declarations of capital importance concerning

U.S. To Build Ships For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, said the British Government has placed orders with American builders for a "large number" of new freight ships.

Won't Disclose Details

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The fact that the British Government had ordered a large number of freighters from the United States was disclosed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day.

He said that he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying that the British had ordered a large number of one standard-type freight ship.

10,000-Ton Vessels

Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Mission, later explained that he was trying especially to buy 10,000 ton cargo vessels.

The number to be purchased would depend largely on the number available. Some might be purchased in Canada but the bulk of business was expected to go to American shipyards.

U.S. Interest In Vichy Policy Answered

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—M. Henri Haye, the French Ambassador, to-day gave the State Department renewed assurance that the United States had nothing to fear from French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances in the negotiations between France, Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy last night, he said, denied that Germany had made any proposal for formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added that he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Petain to President Roosevelt's message with regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Former British Judge In China Dead

Sir Frederick Bourne, Judge of his Majesty's Supreme Court at Weihaiwei from 1904 to 1916, died at the Firs, Mayfield, on August 23.

Frederick Samuel Augustus Bourne was born on October 3, 1854, his father being the Rev. S. W. Bourne. He was educated at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury, and in 1873 became a clerk in the War Office. Three years later he joined the China Consular Service and in 1885-86 was employed on special service exploring the country bordering on Tonking. For his services at Chungking in 1886 he received the thanks of the President of the United States.

In 1890 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, and three years later was appointed vice-consul at Canton. He was consul in charge of the Blackburn Commercial Mission in 1896-97. Before being elevated to his judgeship at Weihaiwei, he had been from 1901 to 1910 Assistant Judge of his Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea at Shanghai.

In 1899 he married Isabel Alice, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. J. Chalmers, and had two sons and a daughter.

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MR. KENNEDY'S FUTURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, may become head of the Defence Commission, the "Baron" Bureau of the new "World War" if President Roosevelt is re-elected.

This is suggested by two noted columnists in the "New York World-Telegram."

In 1939 he married Isabel Alice, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. J. Chalmers, and had two sons and a daughter.

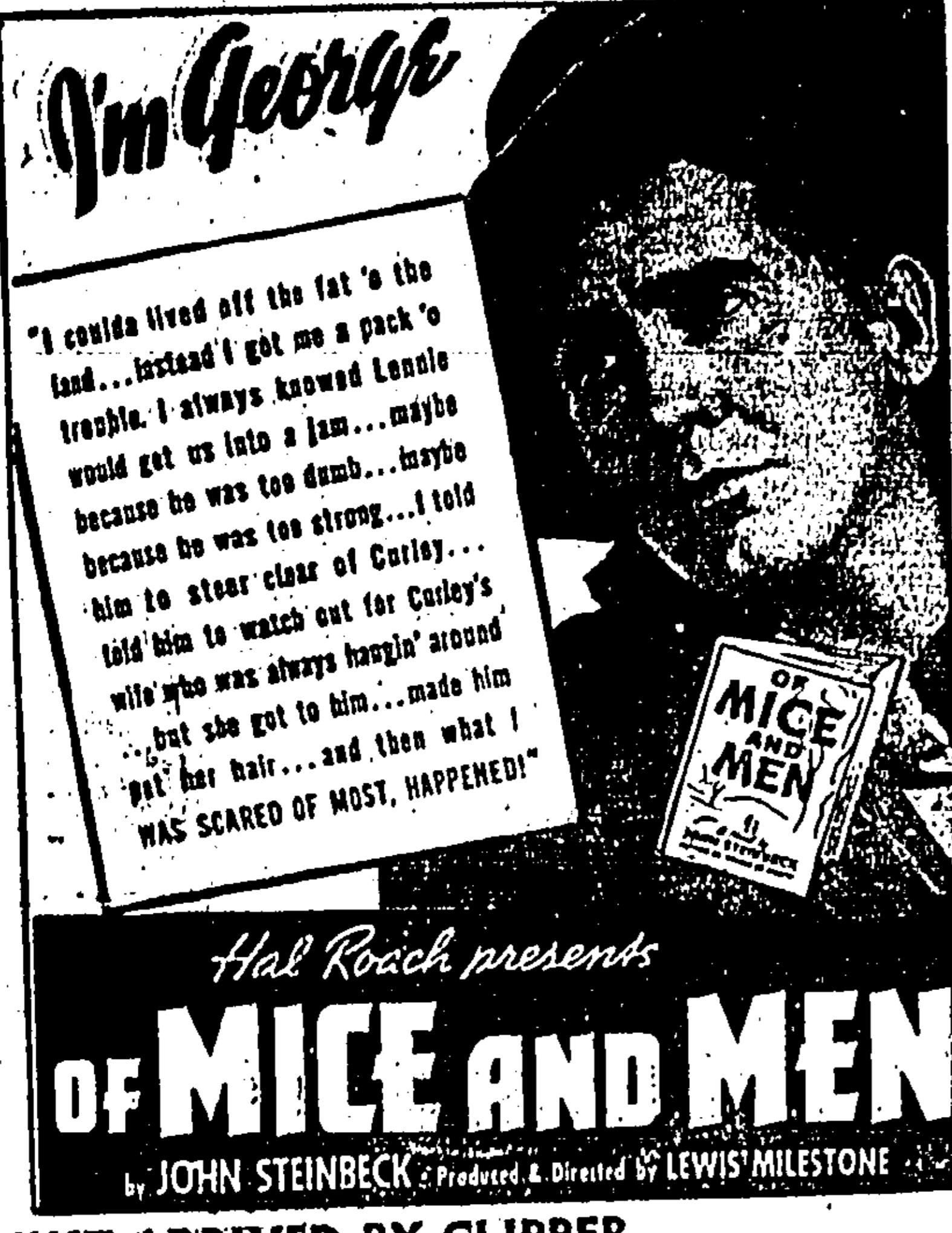
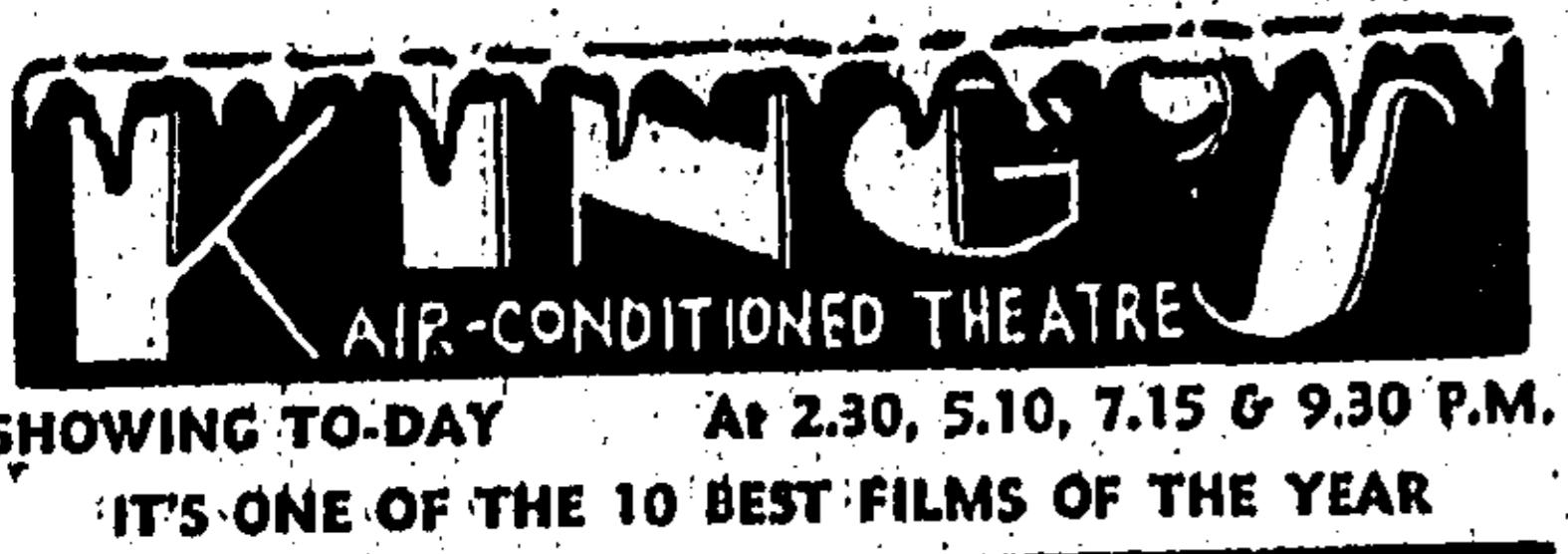
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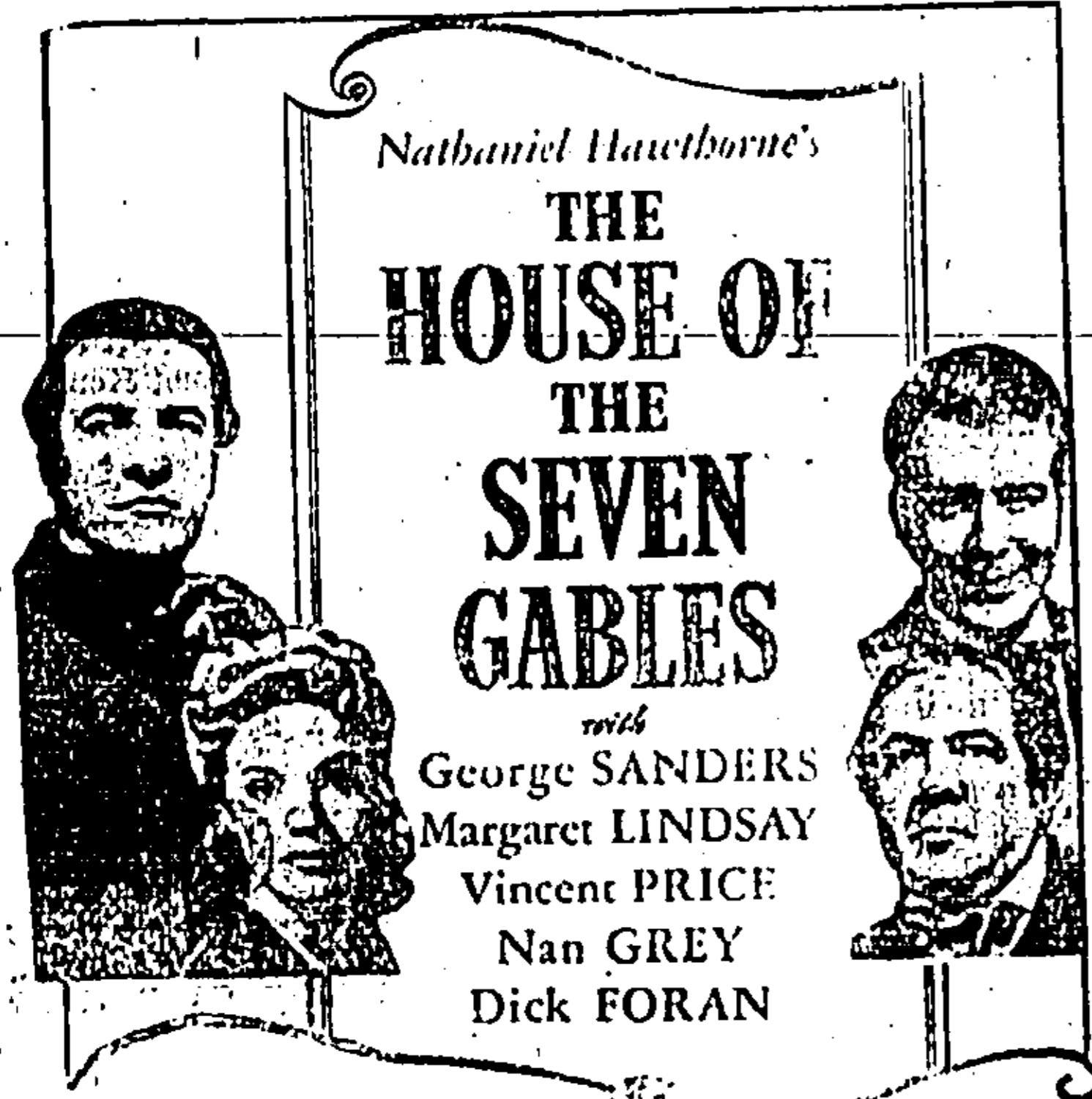
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CANADA'S WAR HUSTLE

New Contracts

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since war began.

These facts were given by Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply. He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for the Canadian account total £80,750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for the British account.

Complete Aircraft

OTTAWA, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircrash frames, the engines being installed in British plants.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans and British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise construction of the plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on mass production basis, it is estimated that with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent during the last three months.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

OLD COURSE
10.10 C. W. Bishop, F. A. Redmond.
10.20 K. S. Morrison, I. H. George.
10.24 A. Sommerville, T. E. Pearce.
10.26 J. H. Herdman, T. W. T. Elliott.
10.28 R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.30 R. P. Morris, A. Nicol.
10.44 W. H. Miller, L. D. McNeil.
10.44 K. S. Morrison, I. H. C. Highet.
10.52 T. J. Fenwick, F. G. Walker.
10.56 F. H. Gregory, A. J. Humphreys.
10.00 Condar, J. W. Johnson.
10.08 R. K. Dennis, D. Humphreys.
10.12 Capt. Thursday, F. W. S. Hillier.
10.16 R. Young, G. Worrall.
10.24 General Sutton, F. D. Hunter.
10.28 E. T. McMullen, J. L. C. Pearce.
10.28 A. H. McBride, D. S. Stewart.
10.32 H. E. May, J. W. Clague.
10.40 E. A. Dennis, J. W. Clague.
10.40 A. T. Dow, E. L. Groome.
10.44 W. N. A. Smalley, F. S. Hillier.
10.48 A. C. W. Smith, F. S. Hillier.
10.52 R. Q. A. A. Macaulay.
10.56 S. A. Stead, D. Black.
11.00 A. McKeellar, T. McKeary.
11.04 K. S. Morrison, I. H. C. Shewan.
11.12 G. H. Gilliland, J. Hackney.
11.12 W. R. Mansfield, A. V. Greaves.
11.16 F. Buckley, W. J. Kerr.
11.20 E. G. Price, T. L. Price.
11.24 E. G. Lonsdale, Capt. Drew Wilkinson.
11.28 G. T. Harrington, Major Temple.
10.44 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Hillier.
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RAILWAY COACHES OFF TRACK

What might have been a serious disaster was narrowly averted yesterday when the rear part of the through train from Kowloon to Lowu left the track at the south point, Fanling.

The train left Kowloon for Lowu at 8.20 a.m. and about 40 minutes later, as it was passing over the "fork", just before the Fanling Station, the four rear coaches left the rails.

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VICHY TO RECALL MINISTER

Bangkok Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Oct. 31 (UP).—It is reported that Vichy is recalling M. Lepissier, the French Minister to Thailand, and it said that the French Minister at Alexandria is now enroute to Bangkok to replace him.

It is recalled that Lepissier is reported to have advised Vichy to accede to the Thai territorial demands.

The first regulation issued by the Premier under the emergency decree issued yesterday was to forbid Thai ships from stopping at Indo-China ports without special permission.

Three-Hour Session

The Council of Ministers met in a three-hour special session this afternoon on the eve of the opening of the extraordinary session of the National Assembly; however, the subjects under discussion were not announced.

It is announced that the retired Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in Indo-China, General Marzin, has accepted the invitation of the Premier to visit Bangkok while enroute to France.

The French Legation said they had no knowledge of the reported recall of M. Lepissier.

British Pilots Batter Sea Ports

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railway junction, where a large fire occurred.

Britain Raided

LONDON, Oct. 31 (Reuter).—Isolated enemy aircraft made a number of attacks on various parts of the country since mid-day, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

Bombs were dropped in two towns in the eastern counties and at points in South Wales and the Midlands, according to reports received.

There was a small number of casualties but the resultant damage was slight.

Molotoff Breadbaskets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 31 (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded in the London area at 9.30 p.m. Several planes flew over the area to investigate conditions. They dropped a few bombs despite a very heavy barrage after which they left for home presumably to report that weather conditions were too bad for a raid.

"Molotoff breadbaskets" were scattered widely over one London district but they were extinguished in ten minutes. Thick clouds hampered raiders elsewhere and bombs were reported falling in the open country in north-eastern and eastern districts.

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